

umn, Mr. Robert Mills, with a zeal which did him great honour, felt it incumbent upon him to see that this necessary ornament should be safely placed, and that the column should sustain no injury in the attempt, voluntarily came forward, and contracted with the sculptor (who had engaged to place it at his own expense,) to accomplish that object, (which was most successfully done by an ingenious apparatus and powerful means in which he had occasion to call in the aid of skilful assistants at a considerable expense) for the sum of 1500 dollars, but found on closing the accounts relating to the work, that he not only had expended that sum, but fell in debt to the persons employed by him upwards of 500 dollars, without any compensation for his risk and labour. Under these circumstances, I beg leave to recommend the hardship of his case to the consideration of the Legislature, and hope that his claims for such disinterested services as he has rendered the State in this matter, will receive their liberal attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, your most obedient,

**ROBERT GILMOR**, President  
of the Washington Monument,

**GEORGE MACKUBIN**, Esq. Treasurer of the W. Shore,  
Annapolis.