

kins certifies he ordered the supplies furnished Col. Chase's detachment.

It is due to myself sir, to state, that this was all done in my absence.

Who should properly be charged with the expenses incurred, the Rail Road Company, or the State of Maryland, it is for you sir, and the Honourable Council to determine. The military were ordered out by me in compliance with a requisition of the civil authority of Anne Arundel county, to suppress a riot, and to preserve the peace of the State—after the riot was put down, they were kept for several days on duty, for the double purpose to preserve property and to maintain peace. I respectfully refer you sir, to my official report, dated the 18th of July last, for the reasons why I did so.

I have written to the President of the Rail Road Company for a bill of the supplies furnished by the Company; when received I will have the honour to forward it, as also any other that may be sent to me.

With great respect,

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your most obedient serv't.

CHAS. STERETT RIDGELY.

Brig. Gen. 8th Brig. Md. M.

To His Excellency

JAMES THOMAS,

In Council, Annapolis.