

Dr. Eastern Shore Rail Road to W. H. Emory,

Cr.

To per diem allowance for horse and forage from the 1st to the 30th April, 1837, thirty days at \$1,50 per diem, \$45 00

Received at Centreville, 30, 1837, from self, forty-five dollars in full of the above amount.

Duplicate.

W. H. Emory, Ass't. Eng.

My opinion has been asked upon the power and authority of certain Commissioners appointed under resolution, No. 15, of the session 1835-1836, to appoint a secretary. If the appointment of a secretary was found expedient and necessary to promote the labours of the Commissioners, of which they are to be or were the exclusive Judges, then I am of opinion they certainly were empowered to make said appointment and to give him a reasonable compensation, and which being taxed in the bill of expenses by the Commissioners, should have been allowed by the Executive, if not deemed extravagant or unreasonable by them.

The power of appointment was alone confined to the Commissioners, and the power of the Executive only to reject such charges as to them should be unreasonable, or in other words their supervision only extended to the compensation of the officer, and not to the necessity or convenience of the appointment.

J. B. RICAUD.

February 6th, 1837.

Abstract of disbursements (A) on account of Surveys, &c. made by order of the Commissioners appointed for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, under Resolutions No. 15 and 108, of 1836.

| No. of vouch. | Date 1837. | To whom paid. | Nature of Disbursement. | Amount paid. |
|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | April 12 | Seth Clements | For chain, staves, and poles. | \$5 50 |
| 2 | " " | Hughey & Floyd | Hatchet belts | 87½ |
| 3 | May 3 | Th. Hemersley | Subsistence of men | 94 40 |
| 4 | April 12 | John Evans | Drawing board | 3 50 |
| 5 | May 3 | Th. Hemersley | Wagon hire | 120 00 |
| 6 | April | Sundries | Services as Assist. Engineers | 495 00 |
| 7 | April | Sundries | Services as laborers | 152 00 |
| 8 | April 30 | Wm. H. Emory | Horse hire | 45 00 |
| | | | | \$ 916 27½ |