

State Department
Washington
Nov 11 1850

I have the honor to forward to you the accompanying preamble and resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December Session 1849 in expressive of its high appreciation of your gallantry and meritorious conduct in the late war with Mexico.

I avail myself of the occasion to assure you of my most cordial concurrence in the sentiments contained in these resolutions.

I have the honor to be

Yours high consideration
Yours obt servt
Philip S. Thomas

Commander
Franklin Buchanan
Major

A similar letter was same day addressed to Surgeon Francis Pickney M.D.

St John's College
Annapolis June 15th 1850

Dear Sir:
The following expenses have been incurred in preparing the Room for the Standard, and reconstructing them.

Carpentry - C. M. Davis	\$146. --
Masonry - J. Shively	56. 19
Marble - Capt. W. Sadler	60. --
Carpentry - R. Thomsen	27. 25
Freight on Marble - McCord	12. 00
Carriage - Bishop	3. 75
Expenses to Baltimore for marble	4. 60
do. again to bring the R. & M. to Annapolis	2. 25
Am't of balance	\$302. 09

The Room would receive the instruments more securely if double windows were added. Mr. Davis estimates that a set of casements for the four windows could be added, for thirty dollars. In case any dampness should be observed in the Room, hereafter, this improvement can be made. You will do me a favor by respecting the Standard at an early day. I ask it, that their present condition may be observed and re-membered. We have received them for safe keeping and do not feel at liberty either to use them, ourselves, or to allow others to do so except for the sole purpose, to which they are adapted, of verifying and adjusting heights and measures. Indeed any other application especially of the smallest of the Balances, requiring it to be carried from place