

the least probable causes - such as the discovery of new testimony of a controlling character &c. The House bill provided for \$100. to pay the Commissioner, but, that provision was stricken out by the Senate, & the bill as amended was passed. The House having indicated the value of the services, in its legislative judgment, I would not like to exceed the amount named. I will therefore pay you \$100. out of the Executive contingent fund, for your expenses & compensation. The printer's bill for advertising notice of time place &c. you will have sent here for payment, as this is not to be charged to your \$100. A full return of the evidence, as taken down, with your award, will be required. Give not less than two weeks notice to claimants. Please advise me upon your determination by return mail, if convenient.

Very respectfully your Obt Servt,

E. Louis Lowe

Belle Vue 7th June, 1852.

His Excellency,
E. Louis Lowe

Dear Sir:

According to the notice, published (by your authority to me) in the Kent News, a copy of which I ordered to be sent you; I opened my commission, at Chestertown on the 31st ult, and on that day and on the 1st & 2nd inst; gave a hearing to the various claimants of the reward, offered in your proclamation of the 3rd March 1851. The evidence was taken down, by a clerk, in the presence of the parties and of their counsel, It may therefore be relied on as containing fully the import of all the evidence; and because the parties and the counsel were notified that the case would be re-examined by your Excellency. Each paragraph and, very often, each sentence, in some of the testimony, was read aloud as written down, for the hearing, and, if necessary, for the correction of the parties and the counsel. The award does not

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