

services of a clerk. Under the circumstances I deemed it indispensable. Accordingly I appointed Mr. Isaac Spencer, my clerk, in the belief you would allow him a reasonable compensation. And of this I took the liberty to assure him, such compensation, as is allowed a clerk in a Chancery Commission, would be at the least, fairly deserved.

It is an unpleasant duty I have had to perform. Disappointment, I am sure, will be felt, by each claimant. And besides, it is my opinion, some are deserving more who have received a mere pittance, whilst those who have been allowed the most, deserve much more. But the rules of distribution adopted work alike upon all, and they have been adopted with reference to the terms and meaning of the Proclamation.

And now with the testimony and other papers, and my notes, I send the case to your examination, and am, in conclusion,

Your Excellency's
Very Obedt. Servt.

Rich^d B. Carmichael

Edward
in the
matter of
the Cas-
den reward.

Under and in pursuance of authority, directed from His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, to hear the claims set up to the reward (of one thousand dollars) offered for the apprehension and conviction of the murderers of the Casden family, and the evidence in support of such claims, and to decide thereon and distribute the said reward amongst those best entitled thereto, in conformity with public notice, printed in the Kent News & the Cecil Democrat three weeks there tofore - on the 31st May ult, the undersigned did repair to Chestertown, and in the Court House there, did proceed to hear the claims aforementioned, and the evidence in support thereof, of all those who appeared as Claimants in person, or by counsel; and now after having maturely considered the same, doth award and distribute the said reward, in manner following, - that is to say, to Edwin Crouch, the sum of one hundred & fifty six dollars, sixty six and two thirds cents, to G^t J. E. Marsh, the sum of one hundred and eighty six dollars, sixty six