

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Feb 22nd 1854

To The Committee of Claims, of the Congress,
Delegates of Maryland, City of Jan 1854 -
Gentlemen:

In accordance with the duty imposed on this Department by the first Paragraph of Resolution No. 50 of December Session 1849, I have examined the Indexes to the Journals of the Legislative made in virtue of said Resolution and in conformity with the instructions of the Joint Committee of the Senate of said year of 1849.

The examination thus made discloses the fact that accurate indexes have been made to fifty two regular and eight extra sessions of the House of Delegates & a similar number of the Senate.

The value of this work I appraise at forty eight hundred dollars (\$4800.) in my judgment a reasonable & moderate estimate for the labor performed, which it may be remarked, at the present rates for indexing would have cost more than three times that amount.

On account of this work eight hundred dollars have been paid, leaving now in Congress with the foregoing, some few thousand dollars (\$4000) due the parties who have executed it.

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State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis March 9th 1854

W. W. W. Bourne Esq

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Governor has assigned you as Counsel for the State in the matter of the State of Maryland vs Benjamin G. Gardner and we requested to certify this Department immediately of your acceptance or declination of the trust.

Very Respectfully
W. C. C. Secy.

Samuel Cox
Secretary of State

Appointment accepted as per letter of 22nd March 1854