

and such the payment is whatever may be found to be due under the
new adjustment. The rule with respect to the case of *Statute* is being
recognized by our judicial tribunals and especially *Justice* and is thus
settled at least for the purpose of the *Law* section, page 18.
"Of *procedural* do not shall be so construed as to limit effectually in their
exercise of jurisdiction and in the exercise of their powers."

Without any comments upon the application of this rule to the
case in hand, the matter is now respectfully submitted to the
Grand Auditor.

Benj. C. Howard,
Special Commissioner
Appointed by the Legislature of Maryland.

April 1st 1857.

Washington April 21st 1857

Dear Sir,

The claim of Maryland for interest since 1826 is in great danger.
The S. Auditor, the C. Comptroller, and the Secretary of the Treasury are all
opposed to it, concurring in the opinion that the recent statute in
reference thereto is remedial in its character and not intended as a
vested right. I have requested Mr. Cobb to refer the question to the
Attorney General, as it is a mere question of legal construction.
The Secretary expresses his disinclination to this, but said he would
think of it. I have some reason to hope that the Attorney General
would decide in our favor. I suggested to Mr. Cobb that this was
not an ordinary claim in as much as a State was a party, - perhaps
this induced him to think of it.

In answer to your application, I request you to write
a few lines to the Secretary, expressing your wish that the reference
should take place and include the lobby to me. If you should be
absent from Washington, the Secretary of State might do it in his of-
ficial character, because there is no time to be lost.

His Excellency
Governor Ligon

I am, Very Respectfully,
Yours
Benj. C. Howard

Executive Department
Washington, D.C.
April 25th 1857

Hon. Newell Cobb
Secy. of the Treasury

Dear Sir,
I regret very much to learn from the Hon.
Benj. C. Howard, one of the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature
of Maryland to prosecute the claim of this State for interest &c. &c. upon