

the General Government, that the accounting Officer, to whom this matter was referred by the Statute of the last Session of Congress and upon whom was devolved the duty of stating and finally settling his claim, have refused to allow the account as stated by the Treasurer of Maryland & presented by our Commissioners.

I had supposed that the principle upon which interest was to be allowed and the account settled was so explicitly stated in the Statute referred to, that there could be no further disagreement as to its true meaning and intent, by the Officer above referred to.

General Conrad desires that the subject may be referred to the Attorney General for his opinion as to the proper construction of the Statute authorizing the settlement of his claim. And this appears to be so reasonable especially when the parties concerned are a State and the Federal Government, that I sincerely hope the proposition may meet with your favorable consideration.

Yours truly
Very Respectfully
Yours
E. Watkins Ligon
Gov. of Md.

Baltimore March 30th

E. Watkins Ligon, Esq.
Gov. of Md.
D. Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary to forward to you the following Resolutions adopted at the last monthly meeting and to ask your approval of the same.

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this Board the office of Corresponding Secretary, by which to the Board can be dispensed with, and thereby a considerable saving to the Institution be secured.

Resolved that said office be and the same is hereby abolished with the consent of the Governor."

I can only say that I believe the affairs of the Institution can be managed without this office by distributing his duties to the financial clerk and the Wardens and the Board appointing one of them or a body Secretary for their own proceedings.

Very Respectfully
Yours
P. H. Richardson

The foregoing resolutions were approved by His Excellency E. Watkins Ligon Governor of Maryland April 2nd 1837; and a copy duly authenticated was forwarded per mail to the Board of Directors of the Institution.