

By reference to paper marked B, accompanying this letter, it will be seen what amount has been paid to "legal counsel" by this company since December 1, 1839, being, with a few exceptions, for services rendered prior to that date, and for services, without exception, in prosecuting or defending suits in which this company was concerned, or in obtaining condemnation of land for its purposes, under its charter.

By order of the 4th of March, 1840, it was agreed that W. Price, Esq., should receive two hundred dollars for services rendered this company in a suit against it in Washington county, Maryland, by William Grove; the suit involving important principles, as concerned the company. That sum has now been paid.

On April 13th, 1842, the Board agreed to accept drafts upon this company from J. Mason Campbell and David Stewart, Esq's., each for \$50, payable 12 months from date, for services rendered this company in a suit against it in Baltimore by Jacob Albert, relative to some stock negotiation, sometime previous.

In addition, it is believed, that other counsel have claims against this company for services in prosecuting suits, or defending such, in which this company was or is a party, but those claims have not been presented yet, nor any compensation been agreed upon or fixed by the company.

On the 23rd of December 1841, Col. J. M. Coale, was appointed general counsel of the company—charged with supervision of all suits in which the company is or shall be concerned; the preparation of all legal papers required by the company, and giving advice whenever requisite. So far he has received no compensation, but on the 12th ultimo, his compensation was fixed at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum.

In reply to the 6th order, I beg leave to refer you to paper C, accompanying this communication, which contains in detail, what has been already communicated to your honorable House, succinctly in the papers marked D and E, accompanying the communication of the President and Directors of this company to the Governor of Maryland, bearing date December 2nd, 1842, and which has since been laid before the House of Delegates by the Governor.

The paper herewith marked C, already referred to, gives the names of each officer or agent in the employ of this company, (and of his compensation per year,) at this date—being the same in every respect, as on the 30th of November 1842, (the date of papers D and E, above referred to,) with the exception of one new lock keeper, appointed in the place of one since resigned, and also the change in the president.

Mr. Sprigg having on the 3rd December last resigned, the stockholders on that day, allowed him, in addition to his salary, "the sum of five hundred dollars, in consideration of the great reduction made in his salary as president, as a remuneration for his travelling and incidental expenses during the time the said salary was reduced."