

The Sheriffs of Washington, Frederick and Allegany counties have claims against the State for guarding our boundary along the Potomac and on the Pennsylvania line, during the excitement attendant upon the John Brown raid. I recommend that said claims be investigated by you, and that provision be made for their settlement.

The condition of Saint John's College demands your attention. That institution, by a vote of its Board of Trustees, is not now in operation; and it is proper for you to determine whether, under such circumstances, the State's annual donation shall be continued, so long as the College shall remain in its present ineffective condition, or unless the Board shall execute their trust under the grant.

It is my duty, as *ex officio* President of the Board of Trustees, to declare that I by no means approve of the management of the affairs of the College; and that I do not hope for any improvement in them while they remain under the control of the present Board.

The appropriation made by the former General Assembly for furnishing and repairing the Government House has been expended principally for repairs outside the building, which were greatly needed. The vouchers for said expenditures are ready for examination by the proper Committee.

No provision has been made for the payment of counsel for the State in the case of Emanuel Myers. I trust the matter will receive your attention.

I herewith transmit copies of the Correspondence between this Department and Commissioners from certain of the States now in rebellion against our Government. I transmit, also, copies of Resolutions passed by several State Legislatures, and which I have been requested to lay before you.

This is the last communication which I shall have the honor of submitting to the General Assembly. In a short time I shall exchange the cares of office for the quiet of my home. During my incumbency of the position to which, four years ago, I was called by the people of the State, I have found its