

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, }
 March 5th, 1863. }

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

GOVERNOR BRADFORD, *Annapolis, Md.*

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit to you copies of papers, the originals of which have been placed on file in the office of the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, showing the distribution which has been made by me of the sum of seven thousand dollars appropriated and placed at my disposal by the magnanimous Act of March 5th, 1862, of the General Assembly of Maryland, "for the relief of the families of those belonging to the Sixth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers who were killed or disabled by wounds received in the riot of the nineteenth of April, in Baltimore."

I referred the duty of investigation into the cases of those sufferers, to a Committee consisting of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts for the political year 1862, and Hon. James M. Shute and Hon. Gerry W. Cochrane, of my Executive Council. The residence of Lieutenant-Governor Nesmith being at the city of Lowell, that of Mr. Shute at the town of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex, and that of Mr. Cochrane at Methuen, in the county of Essex, the district from which the Sixth Regiment was recruited, was immediately under their supervision. Their examination into the facts and needs of each case was patient and thorough, and I adopted their report and distributed the fund according to the award which they submitted.

The annexed Copy, marked [A,] is a transcript of the Report, and that marked [B,] of the receipt sheet showing the names of the recipients, the amounts paid, the dates of payment and the