

Baltimore, Dec. 7th 1863.

The Board met.

The President submitted a copy of a letter written by him to Col. Birney, asking for copies of his lists of colored troops mustered into service in Maryland, &c.,

He also stated that he had reported to the War Department the terms on which a convenient Office could be obtained for the sessions of the Board, with the cost of attendance, furniture, fuel, gas, &c, as follows:

Rent, per month,	\$ 15
Attendance "	\$ 3
Furniture, in full,	\$ 130
Fuel, for the season,	\$ 25
Gas, per month,	2.50

Also, that he had inquired whether the oath to be exacted of claimants was to be prepared by the Board, or would be prescribed by the Department, and whether the necessary books, blanks, &c would be furnished by the Department, as well as stationery.

A communication was read from Mr

John L. Sears, asking for the appointment of clerk to the Board.

The President stated that he had advised Dr Saml A Harrison to apply for the situation, and Mr Sears' letter was laid on the table, to await Dr H's reply.

Adjourned to Dec 8th, at 3, P.M.

J. M. Miller, Presdt. Bd of claim

Baltimore, Dec. 8th 1863.

Board met at 3, P. M.

The President laid before the Board, a reply from Maj. C. W. Foster, A. A. Genl, approving the estimates for rent, furniture, &c, though expressing a preference for a furnished room.

Decided, that it was not possible to obtain a furnished room for the purposes of the Board, and the office proposed be at once secured. Various Blanks received from the War Department were laid before the Board.

The President submitted certain forms of application, manumission, oath, certificate, &c, pre-