Governor Lee
Mellwood
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Gov. Lee
Gerard
Did you receive
the Letter

My Dear Sir

I should have done myself the pleasure of writing you from Annapolis had an Opportunity offered to have given you the proceedings of Saturday The Question of Compensation Depreciation or if you please doing Justice to the Civil Officers of Government was taken up agreeably to the Order of the House and as you stood in a situation different from the rest a special resolution setting forth that £973. 2. 5 was due the late Governor and directing it to be paid was first proposed but as the Law for the Compensation last year of 500 £ was read & the Opinion (I had almost said the Sense of the House at once seen respecting that; Mr. Chase who said every that could be mentioned) observed to me it would be best to put the Question on 723. 2. 5 & I thought with him & he accordingly proposed it & the Question being put there appeared in the Affirmative Smith Chase Duyr McMechen Tilli & your friend Forrest. This Division surprized me as much as it can you. The Arguments against it were these - Stone - what was done for the former Governor? to this Worthington joined him in the President of saying