

seemed to annoy, or under the exercise of arbitrary power to offer indignity and insult to the unassisting inmates. Freedom of speech and transit from place to place was greatly abridged, and as a consequence our regular religious meetings were interrupted with and social intercourse nearly destroyed. In many cases the last horse was taken, thus depriving the family of his accustomed use on the farm, or even in going to mill or in procuring wood for fuel. Stock, grain & in short provision of all kinds were regarded by the insurgents as their proper & were openly appropriated by them to their own use at their pleasure. Civil law was entirely inoperative & disregarded, and a military despotism reigned supreme. School generally, along the pathway of the army were suspended, and School and meeting houses, if not destroyed, were appropriated to hospital or other military purposes. The State of mind, morals, and religion very much declined, and a general demoralization in every grade of Society was abundantly apparent. Many in consequence of the loss and destruction of their property, and the serious invalidation of our currency were reduced near the verge of bankruptcy - the saving of hoards of toil being swept away in the general wreck. But it is difficult after the lapse of time and the trying scenes through which we had to pass during the War to sum up all the attending evils losses and troubles connected with the catalogue of events of the times. We might add incidents of attempts to break into houses, shooting at the inmates throwing stones through the windows, and other outrages, but we forbear. It is now under feelings of unfeigned

thankfulness that we hail the return of Peace, and the re-establishment of law & order through the land, in connection with the abolition of Slavery and the ultimate enfranchisement of the Negro race, a consummation for which our Society has long faithfully labored. In conclusion we desire gratefully to commemorate & acknowledge the sustaining care and over-ruling Providence of our Father in Heaven, in sustaining us, whilst his fearful judgments were in the land; staying our minds in confidence and trust in his mercy, & giving us to experience that "his Compassion fail not" in the most trying emergencies.

In the following Summary many articles of consequence are omitted which were taken or destroyed, of which it would not be easy to estimate the actual loss, we therefore give an approximate aggregate of each as Secretaries reported.

In Baltimore Quarter - Hopewell Va. Md. W.		
John Griffith	in horses, hay & grain	\$ 930 -
Debbie Wright	in timber, stock & grain	900 -
J. H. Griffith	in horses hay & harness	1,200
" "	" wood & fencing	1,000
" "	" Wagon burned	1,000
" "	" Cloth improved & stolen	20,000
James Sweeney	" Stock, grain & hay	835 -
Tom Barrett	" " &c as above	
Rachel A. Hope	" " " " "	

In Dunning's Creek Quarter. Several of their members were arrested, but released without difficulty - no definite account of losses -