



State of Maryland,
Executive Department,

Annapolis, August 21st. 1886.

To his Excellency
Fitzhugh Lee,
Governor of Virginia -

Sir:

Complaint has been made to me by Wm. C. Stirling, a citizen of this State, residing in Somerset County, that on the 9th. day of March 1886, whilst he was engaged in taking oysters in the waters of the Tangier Sound, within the State of Maryland, one of the Oyster Police Steamers of the State of Virginia steamed into the waters of the State of Maryland, and when about a mile north of the boundary line between the two States, overhauled and took in charge the schooner "Martha E. Freeman", the property of said Wm. C. Stirling; that said schooner was then conveyed by said Police Steamer from the waters of

The State of Maryland into the waters of the State of Virginia: - That since the seizure of said schooner she has been sold under condemnation proceedings in the State of Virginia -

I beg leave to place in your hands copies of certain affidavits on file in this Department pertaining to the subject of this note -

I forbear comment or suggestion at this time, well knowing that, if your Excellency shall, upon investigation, ascertain the facts to be as herein stated, speedy reparation will be made to Mr. Stirling for the injury which he has sustained, and to the State of Maryland for the wrong, which has been inflicted upon her, in the violation of her territorial rights -

I have the honor to be your Excellency's most obedient servant,

Henry Lloyd
Governor of Maryland.

Enclosure -

Copies of affidavits of George Taylor and others, and of Obadiah Trigo -