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Treasury Department.

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Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 30th ult. and its enclosures I have to inform you that the question of allowing commutation, or commutation with interest, under the act of Congress of the 5th July 1832, having been settled before I came into the Department, I do not feel authorized to disturb it. I am strengthened in this conclusion by the opinion of the Committee of the House of Representatives, who reported the bill which finally passed, into the act of 5th July, and who, in their report have not only stated that Virginia never commuted the half pay claims of her officers but have expressed their expectation that the act would be so construed, by the United States, as not to allow it.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

C. J. Faulkner Esq.

Richmond.

Yrs

Your obedient servant,

R. B. Taney

Secretary of the Treasury.