

Report of the Grand Jury.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County:

The Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland for the body of St. Mary's county, having diligently inquired into and true presentments made of all matters and things given us in charge or that have come to our knowledge, touching the present service, in so far as the facts presented for our consideration through the witnesses who have come before us have enabled us to do, beg leave to submit the following report as required by law.

We have examined the county Jail and find it in good condition. The inmates, three men prisoners, we found well cared for each in a cell to himself. We found the surroundings of the jail not in as good condition as should be for the preservation of health. The cess-pool, especially, we found in very bad condition, and we suggest that steps be taken, as soon as possible, by the proper authorities to cleanse and disinfect the same. We have examined the books of the County Commissioners and to the best of our judgement we consider them properly and carefully kept.

The public roads of the county, so far as we have been able to ascertain, are in fair condition.

We have thoroughly investigated the Litching case in our county and have failed to fix the guilt upon any particular party or parties and are therefore unable to make any presentment in said case.

We are pleased to state that we have succeeded in abolishing that old custom of levying a tax of one dollar apiece on the Cotts for Drinks, and find that they can be managed much better without it.

Having terminated our labors and discharged our duties to the best of our ability, we ask to be discharged. In conclusion we tender our thanks to your Honors and also to our very able and efficient State's Attorney who has been ever ready and willing to assist us in our labors.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. A. LOKER, Foreman.