

others, whose opinions were entitled to respect, causing me at times to hesitate in the correctness of my own, I have never at least hesitated in the object by which I sought to be guided, and whilst striving to discharge my constitutional obligations, have kept steadily in view two considerations inseparably interwoven, and surpassing all others in importance—the salvation of the Union and the prosperity and peace of our own State.

A. W. BRADFORD.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, Jan'y 4th, 1865.

...the account of the disbursements from the Treasury for the past year, is herewith referred to the committee you may appoint to examine them. Before the meeting of the next General Assembly, my term of office will have expired, and in closing the communication of the kind to the representatives of the people, I would reiterate my profound acknowledgments of the trust which they have honored me and express my grateful sense of the support and encouragement which generally speaking I have received from them in their noble endeavoring to discharge its duties. I have not been able to discharge them to the satisfaction of all, I am well aware, but all will, I think, admit that there have been not unimportantly embarrassed with delicate cases upon the solution of which no light was reflected from any precedent of the past. It is endeavoring to solve them, I have differed with