

# MESSAGE.

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, November 25, 1836.

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and*

*Of the House of Delegates:*

The extraordinary occurrences, which, in our judgment, rendered it proper and necessary that you should meet in General Assembly at this time, having been briefly detailed in the Proclamation calling you together, a copy of which is herewith submitted, we proceed to state to you, more at large, the views by which we were influenced, and the objects sought to be accomplished by calling for the exertion of your authority, in the unprecedented crisis in our affairs, so faithlessly and wantonly brought about.

It was with deep regret, that we felt ourselves called upon to expose to the world conduct of *Marylanders*, so utterly unworthy of the name, and so little to have been expected of descendants from, and partakers in the honor and fame of ancestors of such unsullied purity and glorious memory, as every Son of the State should be proud of and strive to emulate. But, after waiting in vain, with painful anxiety and deep solicitude, in hopes that a returning sense of duty, moral and political, would cause at least a sufficient number of the recusant Electors, to attend the College, and with those who had qualified, elect a Senate, until after the last of the exciting elections of the season was over, but not until its result was ascertained, when there could be no suspicion of partizan design or political motive for our action, we felt that we could no longer forbear, in duty to the people of the State and justice to ourselves, to take a firm and determined stand in support of the Constitution and authority of the Government, against the designs and proceedings intended to effect their overthrow.