Whilst we duly appreciate the motives which induce you to decline being considered among the number of those out of whom the choice of our next President is to be made, and whilst we revere the patriotism which dictated those motives, permit us still to indulge the pleasing hope, that when the next period of presidential election approximates, should the united voice of your country require it, those same motives, and that same patriotism, will induce you to sacrifice your own private wishes and convenience to your country's good. But whatever may be your final determination, whether to retire to the bosom of domestic tranquillity, or to remain the First Magistrate of a Free People, a faithful public service of forty years, hath erected a monument in the hearts of your fellow-citizens, which time will never erase. With a tender of our lives and fortunes to obtain an honourable indemnification for the past, and unequivocal assurances of security for the future, accept our best wishes that the most perfect happiness may await the evening of your days; and receive, as a tribute to your merits, the assurance of our highest consideration and esteem.

By the SENATE, January 6, 1808.

RESOLVED, That the executive of Maryland be requested to transmit the above Address to the President of the United States.

By order, T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the regulation and improvement of Denton, in Caroline county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Welch, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising William Moffitt, of Kent county, to complete his collection; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. T. B. Dorsey, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising the drawing of a lottery for the benefit of the College of Medicine of Maryland; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading of the resolution in favour of John Trueman, the question was put, That the same be withdrawn? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading of the message in favour of John Trueman, the question was put, That the last section thereof be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the following be added in lieu of the words stricken out? "We flatter ourselves that when you see the solicitude arising from a sense of justice which this house manifests in favour of John Trueman, you will give your sanction to the following resolution to reward a meritorious officer.

"RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to John Trueman, or his order, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury of the state of Maryland."

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the same? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs	W. H. Brown,	C. D Hodges,	C. Dorsey,	Stevens,	Frazier,	Callis,	Sudler,	Carroll,	
	Blakistone,	Grahame,	Green,	Winder,	Henry,	B Hodges,	Streett,	Darne,	
	Gardiner,	Reynolds,	Little,	King,	T. Moffit,	Muir,	Bowles,	Ray,	
	Hopewell,	Stone,	M. Brown,	Dennis,	Page,	J. E. Spencer,	Tabbs,	Linthicum.	32

NEGATIVE.

Messrs	W. Moffitt,	Harryman,	Sturgis,	Hawkins,	Ayres,	Bayard,	Steuart,	Tomlinson,	
	Welch,	Kerr,	Robins,	Kuhn,	Davis,	Jump,	Schnebly,	Greenwell,	
	Belt,	Mitchell,	Dashiell,	Forwood,	Holbrook,	T. Dorsey,	Gabby,	Briscoe.	26.
	O. Williams,	Porter,							

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee relative to the Penitentiary, and the question was put, That the blank in the resolution therein contained be filled up with the words "thirty thousand dollars?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on "twenty-five thousand dollars." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the first day of June next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on "twenty-two thousand dollars." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on "twenty thousand dollars." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said resolution? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messieurs	Gardiner,	Green,	Seth,	T. Moffit,	J. E Spencer,	Ayres,	T. Dorsey,	Gabby,	
	W. Moffitt,	Little,	Stevens,	Porter,	Sudler,	Davis,	Steuart,	Darne,	
	Welch,	Harryman,	King,	Hall,	Hawkins,	Holbrook,	Bowles,	Tomlinson,	
	Belt,	M. Brown,	Dennis,	B. Hodges,	Kuhn,	Bayard,	Schnebly,	Greenwell,	
	C D Hodges,	Kerr,	Mitchell,	Muir,	Forwood,	Jump,	Tabbs,	Briscoe.	41
	C. Dorsey,								