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IN COUNCIL,  
*Annapolis, December 27th, 1826.* }

*Gentlemen of the Senate and  
Of the House of Delegates—*

WE avail ourselves, with great pleasure, of the first occasion we have had to address the general assembly, the immediate representatives of the people, to express our gratitude for the distinguished proof of confidence, they have been pleased to afford us. Dissident of our abilities, and deeply impressed with the magnitude of the trust confided to our care, we should despair of a successful and satisfactory administration of the concerns of the state, were it not for the aid we derive from your enlightened councils.

As "trustees of the public," accountable for the performance of the high trusts and duties committed to us by the constitution, or devolved upon us by the legislature, we proceed to lay before you an account of such of our acts and proceedings, since the adjournment of the last general assembly, as may be interesting to you, or the people, our common constituents; and to add such suggestions upon the important inter-