

caused the ceiling of the Senate chamber and of the House of Delegates, to be carefully examined, and being found very much injured and unsafe, we had the old plastering entirely removed, the work done anew, and the chambers put in compleat order.

We also employed Mr. Jeremiah L. Boyd to make such repairs to the dome of the State House as might be found necessary for its preservation. This work is in progress, but so much more has been found necessary than was anticipated, that it is not yet completed.

To carry into effect the very laudable object of the general assembly provided for by the resolution No. 95, relative to a digest, &c. of the laws, we appointed the honorable John Buchanan, chief judge of the high court of appeals, and Thomas James Bullitt, Esquire, to perform the duties prescribed by the resolution. Mr. Bullitt having declined the undertaking, we appointed Reverdy Johnson, Esq. in his place.

We esteem the contemplated work as of very high importance, and believe that its able execution will confer great benefit upon the people of the state. These considerations induce us to select gentlemen every way qualified to perform it, in the best manner; and whose distinguished reputations will impart confidence in, and give authority to, the result of their labours.

By virtue of the resolution No. 119, we appointed Frisby Tilghman, Thomas Emory and