

In compliance with the resolution of the last General Assembly, in relation to the manuscript history of Maryland, by John Leeds Bozman, presented to the State by John Leeds Kerr, Esq.—we contracted with Lucas and Deaver of the city of Baltimore, for printing at least one thousand copies of that work; five hundred copies of which we reserved to the State, to be delivered by the said Lucas and Deaver, within eighteen months, well bound in sheep at four dollars per copy.

The repairs of the public grounds around the state house, have not yet been entirely completed. The new stone wall and iron railing appear to be executed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and with the exception of the gates to be placed at the three entrances to the circle, this portion of the work may be said to be completed. There are some trifling improvements which remain to be done on the interior of the circle—such as removing rubbish and grading the ground, to which objects we think, a small additional appropriation should be directed. After these repairs and improvements shall have been thoroughly consummated, it will be with you to decide upon the expediency of appointing a suitable person with a small salary, to take care of the public grounds and other state property, and to keep them in suitable order.

Under resolution No. 66, of the last annual session, we have caused to be transcribed the original journal of proceedings of the Council of Safety for the years 1774 and 1775, and the original journal of the Convention of 1775, and the correspondence and other papers connected with these interesting bodies and periods of our history. By an inspection of this transcript, the reader will find that numerous highly valuable and interesting papers have been thus rescued from oblivion. We have not been able to give but a cursory examination to the numerous other papers recently brought to light. It will remain for the Executive hereafter to determine, upon a fuller examination of them, what portion, if any, ought to be transcribed, to carry out the views of the Legislature, as expressed in the resolution on that subject.

The various other resolutions passed at the last session of the General Assembly, and which we were directed to carry into effect, have received a due portion of our at-