

By order,  
S. W. SPENCER, Com. Clk.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Bowie, Brown and Goldsborough, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, an act to confirm an act for the division of Baltimore and Frederick counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Carroll, and to alter and change the Constitution of this State so far as may be necessary to effect the same.

The following message from His Excellency, Governor Veazey, was received by the hands of Thomas Culbreth, Esquire, Clerk of the Council.

It was read, and with the accompanying documents, ordered to lie on the table.

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, December 28th, 1836.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and  
of the House of Delegates:*

In discharging on the present occasion the customary duty of submitting to you at the commencement of your session, such matters of public concern as may seem to demand the consideration of the General Assembly, we cannot refrain in the outset of this communication from congratulating you and the people of the State at large, upon the restoration of peace and quiet within our borders, upon the harmony which prevails among our citizens, and upon the praiseworthy desire manifested in every quarter of uniting zealously and in the best spirit for the advancement of the true glory and welfare of the State.

There is in our opinion no truth more obvious, or scarcely more important to be known and recognised in every well regulated Government, than that the undue prevalence and excitement of the spirit of party are calculated to disturb the peace of society, and create serious and permanent evils in the body politic. This salutary lesson is exemplified in the history of all governments, but it is more particularly striking in those whose foundations are based upon republican principles. If it were necessary to travel beyond the limits of our observation and experience to establish the truth of these remarks,