

The clerk of the Council delivered the following communication from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, December 28th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

In compliance with your order of the 26th inst. requesting me "to transmit to you copies of the demand by the Executive of Pennsylvania on the Executive of this State, for the surrender of Nathan S. Bemis, Jacob Forwood, Stephen Lewis and Edward Prigg, who had been indicted in York county for the arrest and bringing into Maryland certain runaway slaves, contrary to the laws of that State, together with copies of the indictments, affidavits and other documents accompanying such demand, and of all correspondence (if any) that may have taken place between the two Executives on the subject, and all other information in possession of the Executive of Maryland on the subject," I herewith lay before you several documents, marked from No. 1 to 34, inclusive.

Some of the papers herewith transmitted, were not intended as *official*, but as they appear necessary to put you in full possession of all that has been done in the case referred to, we have thought it due to the object of your enquiry to send them; others are *originals* from the files of the Executive Department, which we have sent you in preference to copies, with the view of avoiding the delay which would have been necessary for their transcription, and we respectfully request that they be returned to this office when the legislature shall have no further use for them.

With the highest consideration,

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS W. VEAZEY.

Which was read and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Maulsby, Merrick, Grason, Bowie and Townsend.

Mr. Geyer obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act further supplementary to an act, to provide for the public instruction of youth, in primary schools throughout this State, passed at December session, 1825, so far as relates to Frederick county,

Ordered, that Messrs. Geyer, Biser, Ent, and Cramer report the same.

Mr. Hopewell submitted the following order:

Ordered, that the committee on claims, be directed to procure specie for the payment of all postage, for which the members of the Legislature and their officers may stand charged during the present session of the Legislature,

Which was twice read;

On motion of Mr. Bowie, said order was amended, by inserting after the word "specie" the words "or treasury notes."

The said order was then adopted as amended.