

Annapolis, November 20.

On Monday last the honourable John Halkins Stone, was elected governor of this state. And the day following, the honourable William Pinkney, John Davidson, James Brice, Henry Ridgey, and William Kilty, were chosen a council to the governor.

On Thursday the 13th instant, a commencement for conferring degrees in St. John's College was held in the college hall, at which attended the honourable the legislature of the state, and a respectable number of ladies and gentlemen.

The vice-principal opened the business of the day with a solemn prayer to the Supreme Being, after which, in conformity to custom, a short Latin address was delivered by the principal. The candidates then proceeded with the public exercises in the following manner:

1. A Latin salutatory oration, by Mr. John Jacob Tichady, of Baltimore.

2. An oration on the liberty of the press, by Mr. John Bowie Duckett, of Prince-George's county.

3. An oration on the equality of mankind, by Mr. Richard Harwood, of Annapolis.

4. An oration on the advantages of the study of history, by Mr. John Carlisle Herbert, of Alexandria.

The degree of bachelor of arts was then conferred by the principal on Messieurs John J. Tichady, John Bowie Duckett, Richard Harwood, John C. Herbert, and Thomas Chase.

5. A valedictory oration, by Mr. Thomas Chase, of Baltimore.

The principal then closed the business of the commencement with an address to the graduates, respecting their future conduct in life, and concluded with a short prayer, commending them to the care of the Almighty Governor of the Universe. The speakers were honoured with the applause of the audience, who expressed much satisfaction with the performances of the several graduates.

It was to be regretted that Mr. Alexander Contee Magruder, of Prince-George's county, who had finished his course of collegiate education with the other young gentlemen, was prevented by sickness from attending the examination, and therefore could not be admitted with them to the honours of the college, as the law for founding the college expressly requires that the public examination should be one month previous to the commencement.

THOMAS SIM LEE, Esquire.

Sir,

THE first Volunteer Company of militia, and the