

In this connexion we would respectfully invite your attention to the Proclamation and Message which we had the honor to submit to the House of Delegates, on the 25th ultimo, copies of which we herewith transmit to the Senate.— These Documents exhibit the action of the Executive, and the views entertained by us of the further measures, necessary and proper to be adopted in relation to the extraordinary occurrences of which they treat. The more we reflect on this subject, the more thoroughly are we persuaded, that your action concerning it, is a duty of the most weighty and responsible character, and we, therefore, earnestly hope that you will take into your serious consideration, without any unnecessary delay, our Election and Criminal Laws, with the view to prevent the recurrence of any similar conduct in all future time.

Among the first acts which it will be necessary for you to perform, is the passage of such a law, as will entitle this State to the reception of her portion of the Surplus Revenue of the United States, under the Deposit Law of the last session of the National Congress. It is probable that the sum which Maryland will be entitled to receive under that act, will not fall far short of a million and a half of dollars. The application of this large fund, will, therefore, necessarily constitute a prominent subject for deliberation at your present session, as the whole amount of it will fall due before the next annual session of the General Assembly.

The Internal Improvement law of the extra session in May last, having amply provided for works of this character, by authorising the negotiation of a loan of eight millions of dollars,—the whole of which sum is appropriated to this most important object—(and which we think should not be diverted to any other,) we beg leave most respectfully to recommend that the amount which may be received by this State, as her portion of the Surplus Revenue referred to, be invested either in the eight million loan, the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, lately subscribed for under the Internal Improvement act, or, in some other permanent and profitable stock; and that the interest or dividends to be annually received therefrom, be applied to the general purposes of the State, until the Treasury shall be relieved from the balance which has appeared against it for several past years, and be in a condition to meet, from other sources, all demands against it; and that, thereafter, the said interest or dividends be appropriated to the advancement of Education.