

progressing, and will shortly be completed; by which a mass of chancery proceedings and papers, that it is ascertained will make upwards of fifty large record books, and from which the title to much real estate is derived, will be preserved.

By virtue of the authority vested in us by the resolution No. 34, we appointed Mr. Washington G. Tuck, to purchase such furniture as was necessary for the chamber occupied by the court of appeals; limiting him in his expenditures to the sum appropriated by the resolution, (which we placed at his disposal,) and requesting him, in the execution of the trust, to consult and advise with Thomas Harris, esquire, clerk of the court. Mr. Tuck reports to us that his expenditures have exceeded the appropriation by the sum of \$81 39, although he procured such articles of furniture only, as were deemed essential to the decent and comfortable fitting up of the chamber. And being satisfied that no improper or unnecessary expense was incurred, we respectfully recommend an appropriation for the payment of the balance of Mr. Tuck's expenditure.

The resolution No. 34, requesting the president of the United States "to cause a survey to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of a canal connecting the Potomac river, or the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, with the Basin of Baltimore, both by a route north of the District of Columbia, and through it; and the expense necessary to complete the same on a scale corresponding with that of the said Chesapeake and Ohio canal," was transmitted to the president, agreeably to the request of the legislature. And we have much pleasure in making known to you that the request met the favourable consideration of the president, and that the survey was promptly ordered, and has been completed under the superintendance of Doctor William Howard, a gentleman eminently qualified for the task, whose report we hope to be able to present you during your present session. When we shall receive this report, we shall then be in possession of surveys of the most important and interesting works of that character, contemplated in this state. And it affords us great pleasure to inform you that the legislature of Pennsylvania, in accordance with that liberal and enlightened spirit which has always characterised their proceedings, have passed a law since the adjournment of the last general assembly, giving their assent to the act incorporating the Susquehanna and Patapsco canal company; a copy whereof, received from his excellency Governor Shulze, is herewith submitted—thus inviting us to extend our facilities of intercourse with the interior of that rich and fertile state, which has already contributed much to the growth and prosperity of our great commercial emporium.

For the reasons that have already been stated in the conclusion of our observations upon the general subject of internal improvement, we forbear to enlarge, or descend to particulars, on this subject.

The Arms, &c. mentioned in the resolution No. 57, are in a course of repair under the superintendance of the armourer at this place; whose report on the subject is herewith submitted.

We forwarded to his excellency, the Governor of Pennsylvania, a copy of the report of the committee of the last house of delegates, relative to leave which had been granted to bring in a bill "to prevent persons residing out of this state from injuring the fisheries in the river Susquehanna below the Pennsylvania line," as requested by resolution No. 64.

Under the resolution No. 78, directing the distribution of the 5th and 6th volumes of Harris and Johnson's Reports, we have caused them to be delivered to such of the authorities and persons entitled to receive them, as have made application therefor. The second and third volumes of the reports have been completed by the publishers, and two hundred copies of each delivered to us. Other volumes will be obtained as they may be published, under a contract made with the reporters by the executive in 1824. No provision exists for the distribution of any other than the 5th and 6th volumes.

It would seem proper that the same authorities and persons should receive the whole work. We, therefore, recommend the subject to your