

consideration with a view to such further provision as may be necessary for that purpose.

Agreeably to the directions of the general assembly, we transmitted to his excellency the Governor of Virginia, the preamble and resolution No. 82, relative to the dividing line and boundary between that state and this. And we embraced the occasion to say to his excellency, that "the legislature of Maryland have repeatedly manifested an anxious desire for the amicable adjustment and definitive settlement of the aforesaid boundary line; and as the provision now made for that purpose, will, if concurred in by Virginia, insure the accomplishment of that interesting object, in a manner so impartial that it cannot fail to be satisfactory, we indulge the hope that your excellency, participating, as it is not doubted that you do, in the desire to terminate the uncertainty so long existing upon this subject; will submit the resolution to the favourable consideration of the legislature of Virginia at their next session." And we submit, herewith, a copy of Governor Tyler's letter in reply; by which you will perceive that his excellency received our communication in the most friendly spirit; and that he considers the propositions contained in the resolution "as well calculated to bring the subject to a close."

The legislature of Virginia being now in session, and the resolution having been submitted to their consideration, by Governor Tyler, we may, it is believed, confidently calculate upon provision being made to meet our proposition, and that a speedy and final settlement of the line will follow.

We have purchased ten copies of Strickland's Reports on Canals, Rail Roads, &c. as directed by the resolution No. 92, and caused them to be distributed as provided for. It is a most valuable work. The information it contains will be found of great importance at the present interesting period, in aid of the spirit of internal improvement that so generally pervades the country, and so laudably animates the people of Maryland.

As required by the resolution No. 93, we caused the ceiling of the Senate chamber and of the House of Delegates, to be carefully examined, and being found very much injured and unsafe, we had the old plastering entirely removed, the work done anew, and the chambers put in complete order.

We also employed Mr. Jeremiah L. Boyd to make such repairs to the dome of the State House as might be found necessary for its preservation. This work is in progress, but so much more has been found necessary than was anticipated, that it is not yet completed.

To carry into effect the very laudable object of the general assembly provided for by the resolution No. 95, relative to a digest, &c. of the laws, we appointed the honourable John Buchanan, chief judge of the high court of appeals, and Thomas James Bullitt, Esquire, to perform the duties prescribed by the resolution. Mr. Bullitt having declined the undertaking, we appointed Reverdy Johnson, Esq. in his place.

We esteem the contemplated work as of very high importance, and believe that its able execution will confer great benefit upon the people of the state. These considerations induced us to select gentlemen every way qualified to perform it in the best manner; and whose distinguished reputations will impart confidence in, and give authority to, the result of their labours.

By virtue of the resolution No. 119, we appointed Frisby Tilghman, Thomas Emory and Benedict I. Semmes, Esquires, a committee to investigate the state and condition of the Penitentiary; to examine into the accounts and general police of that institution; and to recommend such amendments in the Penitentiary law, as they may consider necessary and proper," &c. And we, herewith, submit to you their report, which, in our opinion, does them great credit, and is entitled to your very deliberate consideration. We also submit, herewith, the annual report from the directors, exhibiting the state and condition of the institution and all its concerns on the 1st instant, which shews that they are managed with