

from the United States, under the act of congress, providing for arming the whole body of the militia

The state of our financial concerns will be laid before you by the treasurer of the western-shore, in conformity with the requisitions of the law on that subject. The sum remaining in the treasury, on the first day of the present month, (the end of our fiscal year,) is very nearly the same as at the end of the last year, although payments to a considerable amount have been made for other purposes than the ordinary current demands of the year.

In the course of the summer we caused further examination to be made into the accounts of expenditures during the late war, and obtained an allowance and payment by the United States, of \$10,424 49 cents on account of principal, and \$4,980 59 cents interest on that sum, making together \$15,405 8 cents. A considerable balance yet remains unliquidated for want of vouchers.

The foreign relations of the country, and many other important concerns, deeply interesting to the people of Maryland, in common with those of our sister states, being committed by the Constitution of the United States to the superintendance and management of the national authority; and having full confidence in the ability, experience, patriotism and integrity of the distinguished statesmen to whom that authority is confided, we shall not step from our limited sphere of action, to examine minutely into those general concerns.

We have the gratification of knowing, generally, that we are in the enjoyment of peace with all the world, and of civil and religious liberty, in the fullest extent—with all the powers of government emanating from the people, "the only legitimate source"—and all the public functionaries amenable to them, for the exercise of their delegated trusts;—with an abundance of the necessaries and comforts of human life and enjoyment, generally diffused through all ranks of society,—and with all the great interests of the country, cherished and protected with an exclusive view to the national prosperity and general welfare. And whilst our hearts are warmed with gratitude to Almighty God for those various blessings, the mind, on an occasion like the present, naturally and unavoidably reverts to the recent most astonishing occurrence of the death, on the fiftieth anniversary of our national existence, of the two great Apostles of Liberty, most distinguished in the Declaration of our Independence;—the one as its author, and the other as its most efficient advocate. On the last National Jubilee, Jefferson and Adams both paid the great debt of nature, and whilst a grateful people were assembled round the festive board, and in the fullness of their hearts, pouring out their feelings of admiration of these great benefactors, and their revolutionary compatriots, they passed from their labours, to appear "before the judge of all the earth," and we humbly trust that their sentence was "well done good and faithful servants—enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

With our most sincere wishes that the result of your deliberations may redound to your own honour, and promote the substantial interests and permanent welfare of your constituents, and with an assurance of our cordial co-operation in all measures calculated to promote those ends,

We have the honour to be with the highest consideration, your obedient servants.

JOSEPH KENT.