

State the examination and response, which they have directed, of you.

From the Executives of several States, complete sets of their respective Laws have been received, and requests, made of you, to be furnished with complete sets of your Laws or parts of them, as far as what they already have would complete their respective sets; which reasonable and proper requests, I greatly regret that we were not able to comply with, as the State does not possess any spare copies of full sets, nor of the Laws of several Sessions, which were wanted by different States. They leave further to be borne, in relation to this subject, that so many, and indeed most of the State, annually transmit three copies of their Session Laws, which heretofore the Executive of this State, has been authorized to send them only one copy of our Annual Laws. The propriety of taking in the Executive, authority to reciprocate fully, the liberality of other States in this respect, is so manifest, that I deem it only necessary to apprise you of the facts here stated. The communications refer to are sent herewith.

From the State of New York, in addition to three copies of a revised Edition of her Laws, we have received a most pleasing Map of the State, and an interesting and well executed Atlas of Maps of the several Counties of the State, worthy of the public Spirit and liberality of that great and rapidly improving Commonwealth.

The Treasurer of the Western Shore being, required by Law to make a detailed report to you of the financial Concerns of the State, I deem it unnecessary to enter into any detail upon that subject. But I have the gratification to state, that after meeting all the appropriations and demands within the fiscal year, the balance remaining in the Treasury, on the first Instant, considerably exceeds that remaining at the end of the previous year.

The communication from Gideon Pearce Esquire, with an Index to the Laws and Resolutions of the State, from the year 1820 to 1829, inclusive, prepared by him under authority of the Executive, in virtue of the Resolution no 5 of the November Session 1811, herewith transmitted, has just been received. It rests with you to make Mr Pearce such compensation for his services, as the nature and execution of the work justly entitle him to.

In conclusion, allow me to say that I have endeavored to abridge this report as much as the variety of subjects necessary to be exhibited would permit. Hoping to submit the Documents themselves to the Wisdom of the Legislature, as my doubts are entertained by me, that your deliberations, aided by a kind and merciful Providence, will tend to the advancement of the honor, dignity and prosperity of the State.

I have the honor to be
with the highest Consideration
Yours &c
Geo. Howard