

Supervisors thereof.

Under the Resolution of December Session 1831 (no 29, in course) to be forwarded by mail to each State and Territory in the Union, a complete set of the Reports of decisions in our Court of Appeals. We have received from the States of New Hampshire, Connecticut and Ohio, a set of the Judicial Reports of those States, respectively; which have been placed in the State Library.

From those States, and also from Maine, Massachusetts and Virginia, we have been advised of the receipt of the Reports sent by us to the said States, but we have not advice from any of the other States, nor from any of the Territories, of the receipt of the Reports sent to each of them. One letter directed to the Governor of the State of Mississippi, was arrested in the mail, at Nashville, Tennessee, by an agent of the General Post Office, and sent back to the Post Office here, and we are apprehensive that other sets, intended for other States, have been by like agency stopped in their progress, and by that means withheld from their respective destinations. The letter of the Clerk of the Council, to the Postmaster General (to which we are informed no reply has been received) and the letters from the agent of the General Post Office, and from the Assistant Postmaster General, to Jonas Green Esquire, Postmaster in this City, of which copies are herewith sent, explain the whole transaction. The Assistant Postmaster General's letter, instructing Mr Green not to mail books "until the backs are taken off," puts it out of our power to send by the mail, any books without so mutilating them as materially to lessen their value. It has been the constant practice, un-interrupted, so far as we are advised, until the case we have spoken of, to send from, and receive at, this Department, by the mail, books and documents of every kind, bound and unbound, in reciprocal exchanges with other States. Such exchanges of Laws, Judicial decisions, and other State papers, we consider highly interesting and valuable, and between some of the States, can only be certainly and safely effected through the Post Offices.

You will receive herewith the Annual Report from the Directors of the Penitentiary, which has just been made to this Department as required by Law. This is a subject of much importance, and is submitted to your consideration in the hope and confident expectation, that you will give it a thorough investigation, and if any defects or imperfections should be found in the system, or the principles, or details of its administration, that you will apply the proper corrective.

We submit for your consideration the several proposals for furnishing Stationery for the public use for the ensuing year, which have been received under an advertisement (a copy of which is also submitted) by the Clerk of the Council, in pursuance of a Resolution of the General Assembly.

The Communication from His Excellency the Governor

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