

everyone shall have the means afforded of becoming capable of exercising that power and performing that duty understandingly. The mental capabilities of her youth constitute the richest mine, the greatest resource of the State: and should we should provide that this mine be worked, that this great resource be developed? How often do we see youths of superior mental endowments, who might become, if educated, the pride and ornament of their Country, growing up in ignorance and vice because their parents have the misfortune to be too poor to furnish the means of educating them? and how many instances of this sort, will our State afford! Superior intellectual capacity is peculiar to no class, to no particular description of persons; and consequently is often to be found in the cottage than in the palace — most frequently occurring among the most numerous class.

We earnestly invite your special attention to this all-important subject in the confident assurance that you will, as far as existing means and circumstances will enable you, promote the great and deeply interesting object.

Reposing with perfect confidence upon your patriotism and zeal for the public good, and humbly hoping for a continuation of the divine blessing and favour, we anticipate highly beneficial results to the community from your deliberations, and beg leave, in conclusion, to assure you of the high consideration, and perfect respect, with which we are your Obedient Servants
James Thomas

His Excellency the Governor this day granted a Nolle Prosequi to Alexander Somerville of Calvert County on account of Man-slaughter in Killing, one of his negro men, as he alleges in self defence.
(See Parson Record)

Friday January 30th 1834

His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Thomas B. Worthington attended in the Council Chamber.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay William Brown of Bees, or order one hundred and forty five dollars thirteen cents per balance due on the first instant, for one quarter salary as Examiner General, after deducting the amount of fees received, & amount proved.

An Order was received this day from the House of Delegates requesting the Executive to furnish information relative to the Deaf and Dumb Reported by the Levy County and County Commissioners, of the selections made to be sent to the Pennsylvania Institution, and the number, names and residences of those now in the Institution.