

the State of Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, and separate commissions and instructions were also issued to the same persons as agents, in each case.

A Joint Committee from the Senate and House of Delegates, waited on His Excellency the Governor, and informed him that they had been deputed by both branches of the General Assembly, to advise him that they had duly organized and were ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make to them, whereupon His Excellency informed the said Committee that he would immediately make a communication to the two Houses. The following message was accordingly sent by the Clerk of the Council, with the Documents therein mentioned, and a separate copy delivered to each branch of the General Assembly. Viz.

Executive Department

Annapolis December 30th 1835.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and  
of the House of Delegates:

It has again become our welcome duty to lay before you a general view of the proceedings of the Executive Department of the Government during the past year, and to suggest for your consideration such measures as appear to us important to the happiness of our fellow citizens, or the prosperity of the Republic.

In the outset we must be permitted to pay a just tribute to the enlightened wisdom of the last General Assembly, who struck out from the difficulties with which those important subjects had been previously embarrassed, the most happy expedient for giving a new and powerful impulse to our great works of internal improvement, and at the same time providing ultimately an ample fund for general Education. Complete success has so far attended the execution of the Law then passed on these subjects. The Loans have been effected upon even better terms than required by the Law authorising them. The State sinking fund, created from the Bonds received, has been invested in her own stocks to an amount more than sufficient, by its own regulated accumulations, to discharge the principal debt by the stipulated time of payment. The works are being prosecuted with a zeal, a vigor and persevering intelligence, which cannot fail of success. Every stroke of the spade, the pick, or the hammer, in the progress of their construction, seems to develop new sources of wealth, to awaken new and bolder hopes for the future, and to impart fresh vigor and activity to our agricultural community. Other and kindred enterprises are either