and indispensible character. Unless some such contingency should happen we are firmly persuaded that its recall to the coffers of the United States Treasury should be resisted by the representatives of the people of the States; and we have no doubt this will be done. Under these circumstances, any system of Education, based upon the perpetuity of this fund, will be most likely to continue through a protracted Series of years; and, in this light, it becomes a matter demanding the most serious consideration, and Judicious arrangement. But although the permanent continuance of this fund among the States, is a proposition which, in our opinion, may be relied upon with much confidence, yet it will be necessary that it should be so invested that whenever its repayment shall be called for, it may be met with that promptness of execution which should ever characterise the engagements of a Sovereign State, and which is due alike to her character and credit. It was with the view to the attainment of this most desirable object that he we suggested the propriety of making provision for the annual outlay of the interest only; not deeming the expenditure of any portion of the principal, under the existing laws of Congress as either expedient or proper.

Reform in the Constitution of the State, will constitute another prominent topic for your consideration; and permit us to express the opinion, formed upon mature reflection on the subject, that it is of the highest importance that your present Session should not be brought to a close, without the adoption of, at least, some leading measures bearing upon this difficult and exciting question. We had the honor of submitting some suggestions on this subject, in the Message to the House of Delegates before mentioned; to which we beg leave at this time respectfully to call your attention.

It has become our painful duty to announce to you the death of the Honorable Robert Goldsborough, late a Representative of this State in the Senate of the United States. This melancholy event occurred in Dorchester at his residence on the Eastern Shore. The distinguished character of the deceased, his many private virtues, his singular kindness and kindness in all the relations of private life, his superior intellectual endowments and high moral worth, had acquired for him a commanding influence which will cause him to be deplored and remembered over the power and province which adorn the annals of the State of Maryland distinguished son. Grave bereavement as proved to be, the calamity occasioned by the premature dissolution of Senator Goldsborough, is rendered by the circumstance of his decease occurring at a moment of time, when the important services of a faithful representative of this State in the Senate of the United States during the present Session of Congress, when so many highly interesting questions are likely to be discussed, will be forbid to enhance the power of speaking a lasting testimony of approbation of the principles, which he advocated by the Constitution, because dear to

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