

President of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, with a printed copy of the annual report of the President and Directors thereof, which affords a gratifying view of the progress and prospects of that company, in the highly important work of internal improvement, in which they are engaged.

We have not received any official report from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, or the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, of the progress of those companies the present year, in executing those great works so vitally important to the commercial, financial, and general interests and prosperity of the State. But we presume, of course, that such reports will be transmitted for your consideration at your present Session.

Such are the character and magnitude of those works, the immensity of the trade they are intended, and cannot (when completed) fail to attract to our commercial Metropolis, and the deep financial interests of the State connected with them, that their speedy completion is a matter of such high and pressing importance as to demand from all concerned the most rigorous and energetic measures to accomplish it.

In conformity to the 44th Resolution of the last General Assembly directing the procurement of full length portraits of the late William Paca, Samuel Chase and Thomas Stone, three of the signers of the declaration of Independence from this State, we succeeded in procuring the services of John B. Bordley, a young and eminent native artist, who has executed the paintings in a highly creditable manner. These portraits may now be seen, appropriately arranged in the Senate Chamber, by the side of that of the distinguished Carroll, and, all together present to the eye of the beholder a most interesting and impressive spectacle.

In compliance with the Resolution of the last General Assembly, in relation to the Manuscript history of Maryland, by John Leeds Boyman, presented to the State by John Leeds Kerr Esquire - we contracted with Lucas & Beaver of the City of Baltimore, for printing, at least, one thousand copies of that work: five hundred copies of which we reserved to the State, to be delivered by the said Lucas & Beaver, within eighteen months, well bound in Sheep, at four dollars per copy.

The repairs of the public grounds around the State House, have not yet been entirely completed. The new stone wall and show railing appear to be executed in a substantial and workman like manner, and with the exception of the gates to be placed at the three entrances to the circle this portion of the work may be said to be completed. There are some trifling improvements which remain to be done on the interior of the circle - such as removing rubbish, and grading the grounds, to which objects we think a small additional appropriation should be directed. After these repairs and improvements shall have been thoroughly consummated, it will be with you to decide upon the expediency of appointing