

Tuesday, January 1st. 1839.

By order of the Governor the following drafts were drawn on the Treasury:

In favor of David Ridgely, Librarian, for Quarter's Salary due on this day, \$250.00

In favor of Washington J. Jack, removed at State policy, for Quarter's Salary due this day, \$125.00

In favor of J. T. Ducaul, Geologist, for Quarter's Salary due this day, \$500.00

In favor of Henry Thompson, Messenger to the Governor, for Quarter's Salary due this day, \$12.50

In favor of R. S. Cabb, Post Master, for Postage charges to the State Department, Adjutant Genl. Librarian, Treasurer, for Quarters ending 31st. December 1838, as per account allowed and filed \$37.23

Wednesday, January 2nd. 1839.

The Governor was this day informed by a Joint Committee of the two Houses, that the General Assembly had organized and was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make.

Accordingly, the following message was transmitted to the General Assembly by the hands of Jos. H. Kinslow, Secretary of State:

Fellow Citizens of the Senate

and of the House of Delegates.

Upon being assembled after the first election that has been held since the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution, in regard to the Executive and Legislative Departments, affords me an appropriate occasion to congratulate you and our Fellow Citizens generally, that those amendments have been effected without violence or disturbances in any quarter, without interruption to any of the functions of Government, and in strict conformity with the requirements of the Organic Law itself. This result, which it illustrates, beauteously and brightly, the forecast of the great and good men, who devised our Form of Government, adds another to the many testimonies, already indelibly written in the history of our Country, that the American People are endowed with the moderation, the wisdom and intelligence necessary to fit them for self government. I am firmly persuaded that those changes were called for by the exigencies of the times, and by the wishes of a large majority of the People of