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February 10th

The following report of Alexander Magruder and the Serjeant Esquires who had been appointed to revise the compilation of the Laws by Judge Clement Elmsley were read

To His Excellency

William Sprason Governor

Annapolis February 10th 1860

Report of
Alex Magruder &
The Serje

Sir,

We have on the performance of the duty assigned to us by your Excellency under a resolution of the Legislature, carefully revised and examined the compilation of the laws of this State made by the Serjeant at Law Clement Elmsley and highly approve of the work.

We would also add that this compilation of our acts of Assembly from its condensed form and the convenience of reference furnished by the valuable notes of the compiler is the most useful and convenient book of Statute Law hitherto presented to the people of Maryland. At this time such a book is particularly useful to students of Law, and all others who desire a knowledge of our Statutes. Before this compilation, our acts of Assembly were only to be found in the compilation of Kelly, Harris Kelly and Watkins, and the annual volume which has been printed since 1868. forming a mass of about twenty volumes. To trace the legislation on any subject, through this pile of volumes was not only a work of a painful labour, but the care and cost of the books rendered it almost impossible to obtain them. Now at comparatively trifling cost any one can have the State Laws so reduced in magnitude as with the aid of the notes to render the examination of any subject easy and convenient.

Very respectfully, your Obedient

servant

Alex Magruder

The Serje

February 12th

Benjamin Walker who was convicted in Baltimore City Court of having received stolen goods was on the recommendation of the Court and Jury pardoned on account of his great age and his general good character.

The Governor sent down to both Houses resolutions of the State of Georgia and South Carolina relating to the railway between that State and the State of Maine

February 27th

The Governor sent to the House of Delegates a message relating to certain resolutions of Georgia and Georgia informing them that he had no special knowledge of their existence.

And to both Houses a bill from the State Directors in the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Ferrying company relating to