

seized and delivered to George Riggs, who is hereby duly authorized to receive and convey him to the State of Maryland, there to be dealt with according to law.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my name and the Great Seal of the State, this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

By the Governor

Wm Calhoun

Secretary of State

Francis Thomas

Dec 30th 1842

This day the Governor issued his order to the Sheriff of Baltimore County ordering him to deliver to Jacob Mautz, a certain Lewis Miller, charged with horse-stealing, the Governor of Pennsylvania having drawn a requisition upon the Governor of Maryland, for the apprehension and delivery of said Lewis Miller.

December 27th 1842

The Governor having been informed that by a joint committee of the two Houses that they were organized, and prepared to receive any communication he might be prepared to submit, the following message was sent to both Houses at 12 O'clock this day.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

and of the House of Delegates.

That the Legislature may have, at an early session of its session, a general view of the condition of the public affairs of Maryland, custom has very properly imposed upon the Chief Magistrate, the duty of making an annual communication. At this time, its candid and truthful discharge, (owing to the crippled and disordered condition of the finances of the State,) devolves upon him a high and unusual responsibility, and, if not a mortifying, certainly not an agreeable task.

Highly influential citizens of the State, enjoying the public confidence, and filling stations giving to their opinions undue authority, had united in inculcating the belief, that public and private interests were to be greatly benefited by the policy which, for many years characterized our legislation. At length, however, the enormous amount of our public debt, destroying altogether public credit, aroused the whole people to see and feel the reality of our situation. The apprehensions, very naturally excited by the deplorable condition in which the finances of the State were found to be, were in some degree soothed by the measures of your immediate predecessors, designed as they were, to furnish the means whereby the faith of the State should be maintained, and its engagements promptly met, and fully discharged. But, it has now become my painful duty to announce to you, that these measures have proved inadequate to the accomplishment of the object for which they were designed. This duty, unpleasant and mortifying as it is, imposes however, responsibilities far short of those