

January 4th 1843.

This day received a message from the Senate advising and consenting to the appointment of Samuel S. Hodgskin as Register of Wills for Calvert County; said appointment having been made during the recess of the Legislature.

January 5th 1843.

This day the following message was sent to the House of Delegates:

State Department

January 5th 1843.

To the Honorable

The General Assembly:

I have the honor herewith to submit letters which have been received from the Messrs Baring and J. W. Sheldjo of London respecting the overdue dividends on the stock of Maryland held by foreigners

Francis Thomas

January 6th 1843.

The following message was this day sent to the House of Delegates.

State Department

January 6th 1843.

To the Honorable The General Assembly of Maryland.

By act of December session 1840, Chapter 52, it is provided, that the county clerks shall renew their official bonds before the expiration of the first four days of the fall term of the county courts of their respective counties in every second year; and the Registers of Wills shall renew their official bonds on or before the first day of August in every second year. By several other acts of Assembly, copies of the bonds of Clerks and Registers of the several counties are required to be forwarded to this department; but as most of the Clerks and Registers omitted to do so, a circular was addressed, by the Secretary of State to them, calling their attention to the provisions of the act of 1840, and requesting their compliance therewith. It was found that this act had been overlooked by most of the Clerks and Registers, and that they had executed their bonds agreeably to the provisions of previous acts upon the subject.

Inasmuch as their bonds are equally binding upon them and protective of the interests of the community, as if executed agreeably to the act of 1840, and as their failure to comply with the act of 1840, did not grow out of any indisposition to do so, but mere oversight on their part, it is respectfully submitted, whether it would not be advisable to exempt them from the penalties incurred.

During the month of last August the outer wall of the Magazine situated at the east end of the lot of the Government House was washed away by a very high tide. Believing the location to be unsuitable for a Magazine, both on account of its exposure to the assaults of an enemy; and, its liability to be constantly affected by the water, I preferred not to have the wall rebuilt until such time as the sense of the Legis-