

December 24th 1845

Requisition upon the Gov. of Ohio

The Governor this day issued a requisition upon the Gov. of Ohio for the delivery of John Brinigar to John Gell Agent. The said Brinigar being charged upon the affidavits of John Hurst & others of Baltimore with having obtained goods upon false pretences & the Agent to pay expenses.

M. Willie's pardon refused

The Gov. this day refused to pardon Melvin Willie (Negro) of the City of Baltimore who was convicted in Baltimore County Court at November Term 1845 of riot & sentenced to the Penitentiary.

December 26th 1845

Collector of Carroll Co.

The Governor this day approved the Board of Israel Morris as Collector of State tax of Carroll County for the year 1845.

January 1st 1846

Annual Message

This day the Governor sent the following Annual Message to the Senate and House of Delegates
Gentlemen of the Senate
and of the House of Delegates

Since the organization of the State Government, it has been customary for the Executive to transmit annually, to the Legislature a Message detailing the manner in which the Government had been conducted since the adjournment of the preceding Legislature, and recommending the adoption of such measures as in his opinion would best conserve the honor and promote the interest of the People. The time which I have set apart for the discharge of this duty has been occupied with domestic afflictions; and this Message will be consequently less concise than will be satisfactory to you, or desirable to myself.

Whilst I admit that in our Country an enlightened public opinion is the surest criterion of right, I should be false to the station I occupy if I should (regardless of a misdirected popular excitement in any section of the State) omit to recommend the continuance and adoption of such measures, as in my judgement will most surely redeem the public credit, and promote the welfare of our common constituency.

The financial condition of the State well invited the prominent position assigned to its consideration by my immediate predecessor in each of his Annual Messages to the Legislature. With an anxious desire on his part to arrest the "downward tendency" of the public credit, it was his painful duty, year after year, to announce to the Legislature the entire inadequacy of the existing laws, if fully executed, to meet the current demands upon the Treasury; and to point out the fatal error in the past legislation of the State by which the Executive branch of the Government had been dep