

of the last year sold the property of this description to the amount of nine hundred and eight pounds four shillings and seven pence, as will appear by the Report of the Treasurer to which we take the liberty of referring for particulars. The same Report will also show the measures that have been adopted for the collection of the State debts. Other applications for a preference in the purchase of confiscated property have been recently made, but as no satisfactory evidence of the value of this property was in our possession, no sale or contract has yet been effected. In fixing the value in most cases of this kind, the Board have been under the necessity of relying on the opinion of Individuals, in whom they believed they could safely confide.

We have the honor to inclose a letter from Governor M'Kean marked W⁴ notifying the appointment of certain Commissioners on the part of Pennsylvania, to explore and ascertain the best course or track for effecting a communication between the Waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays by means of a Canal: and requesting for this purpose, the appointment of similar Commissioners on this State. As the Act of this State incorporating a Company to effect this communication appears to have vested the power of ascertaining the course of the Canal, in the President and Directors of said Company: information of the want of authority in this Executive to make the proposed appointment, was in reply communicated to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

The other subjects mentioned in Governor M'Kean's letter we submit to the consideration of the General Assembly.

We also transmit a letter from the President of the United States inclosing a Report of Congress on the Militia Institutions of the United States. Previously to the receipt of this communication, steps had been taken by this Executive, to obtain a full and accurate Return of the state of the Militia, but having effected this in a very partial and limited manner only, it was impossible to comply with the Requisition of the General Government. We have therefore deemed it proper to submit the whole subject to the wisdom of the Legislature.

In pursuance of Resolutions of the last Session directing steps to be taken for the preservation of the Military Stores Arms and accoutrements of this State, an order was given to Mr. John Shaw to collect such arms and accoutrements as had been distributed among the Citizens of Annapolis and its Vicinity, and not wanted by the Militia Companies, and the damaged Powder in the Magazine at Fredericktown ordered to be manufactured. A certain portion of this Powder has been since deposited