

general education, no subject upon which its wisdom can be employed with more advantage
or can have a more imperative claim to its attention. Governments like those under which
the happiness to live, depend for their existence and prosperity upon the intelligence and
of its citizens, and to place the means of education within the reach of every description of
people, ought to be the primary concern as it is the unquestionable duty of the Legislature of
every free State. It is one among the many causes which we have for deploring the present
War, that it diminishes those resources, which ought to be employed in the education of our
youth. We still however think, that if in the opinion of the Legislature, funds can be spared
for the purpose, the work should be commenced, and a system matured for the establish-
ment of Schools in every part of the State.

The amount of claims for pay and rations of Militia, called into service in the course
of the last Summer, already sanctioned by this Department, exceeds one hundred and
thousand dollars. A more particular account cannot at this time, be given, as the Board
is still acting upon those claims, and many of them are yet to arrive.

For the purchase of Arms and Military Stores, orders have been drawn to the amount of
sixty nine thousand six hundred and seventy five dollars, but a considerable sum
is yet due on this account.

The Honorable the General Assembly

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In Council Annapolis December 10 1813

Gentlemen

We have the honor to acquaint you that in the recess of the General Assembly, a vacancy
having occurred in the office of Register of Wills for Cecil County by the death of David
Smith Esquire the late Register, the Executive appointed and commissioned William
Alexander Esquire to that office to hold the same until the meeting of the General
Assembly.

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We have the honor to transmit herewith copies of a law passed by the Legislature
of Pennsylvania, entitled "a Supplement to an Act to incorporate a Company for the
purpose of cutting and making a Canal between the River Delaware and the Chesapeake
Bay" and of an Extract from a former law of the same Legislature, which have been sent