

The legislature.

Since the last session of the honorable the general assembly, the office of register of wills for Harford county became vacant by the death of Mr. Richardson. The executive appointed Thomas S. Bone, Esquire, to fill the vacancy. The office of register of wills for Allegany county also became vacant by the resignation of George Bruce Esquire, in whose place the executive appointed Charles Hick.

The eligibility of the governor under the constitution having expired, it would be ungracious not to express the deep satisfaction felt in retiring at a time when the prosperity of the state appears fixed; when her finances have been relieved from the pressure brought on by war and invasion; when the injuries inflicted on her defences shores have been repaired; when the demand for the productions of her soil is giving vigour to her agriculture; when a town for improvement, evidently spreading in the state, bids fair to increase the comforts and happiness of her citizens; when animosities are healing, excitement of feeling wearing away, and honest difference of opinion fairly admitted; and when, above all, the spirit of religion and piety, manifestly exciting and increasing its influence in all classes, is preparing to establish the general welfare on that foundation of righteousness which alone "exalteth a people"

We have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your most obedient

Humble servants

C. Ridgely (of Hamiston)

To the Honorable the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates
Gentlemen

In obedience to the Resolution of the House, requesting the executive to procure information respecting the turnpike roads, leading westwardly through the state of Maryland, sundry documents from the presidents of road companies are now communicated. It appears that the capital invested, is about two millions of dollars, which sum is expended in the construction of stone or paved roads, leading through the state. The greater part of this stock is owned in the city of Baltimore, to which place the roads lead, and where trade and intercourse have been much increased by the additional facility given to the conveyance of produce and merchandize. The York turnpike road leads to the town of York, and a rich and fertile part of Pennsylvania; and is continued to the river Susquehanna, at a place where the chief obstructions in the navigation of that river commence. The Reisterstown road leads to a part of Pennsylvania which produces, in great abundance, grain and other articles. And the Frederick road, after passing through Frederick, crosses the Blue Ridge, and terminates at Bernsborough, in the Conococheague valley. The latter road was originally intended to be made eleven miles farther to Williamsport, on the Potomac, with a view of