

of that State, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

We have the honor to be,

with much respect,

Your obedient servants,

Charles Goldsborough

The Honble the President of the Senate, and
The Honble the Speaker of the house of Delegates.

In Council, February 11th 1819

Gentlemen

Several claims against the State for militia services, and other expenses occasioned by the late war, have lately been presented to the Governor and council for payment, for the discharge of which we do not find any existing appropriation; and it is probable that further claims of the same nature will yet be exhibited. It appears proper at the same time to remark, that these claims ought to have been exhibited long ago, either to the accountants appointed under the act of May session eighteen hundred and thirteen, or to this board, since the office of those accountants was discontinued. If, however, they are now presented in regular form, and their justice is supported by satisfactory vouchers, no legal objection exists to their payment at this time. By a resolution passed at May session eighteen hundred and thirteen, the Treasurer of the Western Shore was authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Governor and council, the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars; under this authority loans were effected to the amount of four hundred and thirty six thousand dollars. This fund has been exhausted in the payment of the militia, the purchase of arms, and other expenses of the war, we therefore deem it our duty to submit the subject to the consideration of the legislature. It is proper to add, that the claims alluded to in this communication, which have already been presented, do not amount to one thousand dollars, and it does not appear probable that those yet to be brought in can much exceed that sum.

We have the honor to be,

With Great Respect

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