

Our Council

Annapolis December 6th 1814.

To the Honourable
The President of the Senate, and
The Honourable the Speakers of the House of Delegates,
Gentlemen

We have the honour of submitting to the Legislature
the following statement of our proceedings, under sundry resolutions and acts,
prescribing certain duties to this department.)

The Resolution, directing the Treasurer of the Western Shore to make a
disposition of the several species of Bank notes therein designated, has been carried
into effect, so far as any controul over the same attached to us, and for information of
the result, we beg leave to refer to a communication from the Treasurer on that subject,
herewith transmitted marked **A**

Agreeably to the provisions of the resolution authorising the Executive to employ
counsel for the protection of the States interest in the controversy then pending with
the Branch Bank of the United States in the City of Baltimore, we immediately
Selected the Attorney General of Maryland, The Honourable Joseph Hopkinson,
of Philadelphia, and Walter Jones, Esquire, of Washington, as advocates of
the States claim in the Supreme Court of the United States, and allowed them
such a compensation as we considered equal to their Services. Although this case
has been decided against the State, we have the satisfaction of being assured, that
her claim was ably supported, and that nothing was wanted in zeal and talents
of the Council, to have procured a different determination of the Court.)

In pursuance of the several instructions given to us by the resolution respecting the
roads and canals of this State, we have transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury
of the United States, such suggestions and informations as it was in our power to
make; a copy of which we herewith lay before the Legislature. **B**.

The resolution requiring the Governor to forward to the Executive of Virginia a copy
of the act, for incorporating a company to erect a toll bridge across the Potomac