

In Council, Annapolis December 2^d 1820

Gentlemen of the Senate

And Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The time having arrived when you are assembled for the performance of your Legislative duties, we avail ourselves of the earliest period to lay before you an account of such proceedings as have been adopted by us, in relation to the several subjects to which our attention has been directed by the Legislature at its last session.

In executing the resolution relative to the claim of Richard Lockerman, we determined upon a full and particular investigation of the nature and value of the services rendered for which compensation was asked, that he was entitled to the sum of one hundred dollars. This we deemed a sufficient remuneration for the work done by him, which ought to have been performed by his predecessor in office, who has since paid the same unto the Treasury without the compulsion of legal process, which was directed to be issued against him on the event of his failing so to do.

Nothing has been done under the resolution having reference to State Debtors, no application having been made to this Department for the benefit thereof.

Conformably to the resolutions directing the transmission of certain books to the Secretary of State of the United States, and certain Literary Societies therein mentioned, as also the Baltimore Library Company, we have sent to the Department of State of the United States two copies of Hittys compilation of the laws of this State, and two copies of the new compilation to each of the Literary Societies in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, we have transmitted one set of each compilation of said laws, and to the Baltimore Library Company one set of the last compilation; the receipt of all of the abovementioned books has been acknowledged to this Department, with the expression of thanks to the Legislature for the same.

Under the resolution relative to the total or partial extinguishment of the loans made to this State, in the years eighteen hundred and seventeen and eighteen hundred and eighteen, by the Farmers Bank of Maryland and sundry Banks in Baltimore, we having received information from the Treasurer that the Finances of the State, independent of the debt due from the General Government on account of disbursements of money by the State for purposes of defence during the late war, were adequate, after leaving a sufficient surplus in the Treasury for ordinary purposes, to discharge and satisfy the loans due to the Banks in Baltimore, principal and interest, passed an order that the Treasurer should without delay, extinguish the said loans by the payment of the principal and interest due thereon, amounting in the whole to the sum of thirty one thousand and sixty dollars.