

In Council January 5th December the 5th 1821

Gentlemen of the Senate
and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

After our assembling and upon your suggestion at the seat of Government, we proceed to lay before you an account of such proceedings as have been adopted by us, in relation to those duties devolved upon this Department, by several resolutions of the Legislature at its last Session.

In consequence to the resolution directing that we should investigate the nature of the claim embraced in the memorial of William Hilly, an merchant and John N. Walkers, Esquire, for compensating the laws of this State given the said merchant Hilly and Walkers more or less than Hilly and Walkers incurred, and make them such compensation as we might deem an adequate remuneration for their services in the execution of that work, we determined, in consideration of the ability and fidelity with which it appeared to have been done, that they were entitled to receive for their services, the sum of four thousand dollars, for which an order was drawn upon the Treasury, while upon this subject, we cannot pass by the opportunity which it offers us on the death of Chancellor Hilly, of paying a merited tribute of respect to the memory of that excellent man and able and upright officer, and to condole with you upon his death as a loss to his country.

To Mr. Jones Green, for paying the above mentioned compensation, we paid the balance of his claim, amounting on the whole to the sum of six thousand seven hundred and five dollars and sixty nine cents.

Notwithstanding the profuse of the times in a pecuniary point of view, we are happy to state that but few applications have been made to this Department for public debtors for a protraction of the time of payment, authorized upon certain conditions by the resolution relative to that subject passed at the last Session of the General Assembly.