

of our relations with all the world, that they will not be wanted for the public use at an early day, yet in the chances and vicissitudes of all human concerns, the time may arrive, when it may be necessary to expend the public money to supply their place, if they should not now be collected. As connected with this subject, we would beg leave to direct the attention of the Legislature to the propriety of providing by law for the erection, at this place, of a public building to be used as an armoury or Arsenal and gun house, and to refer you to our communication to the Legislature at their last session for some of those reasons which induced us to look upon such a measure as conducive to the public interest.

We herewith transmit to the General Assembly, a letter received from the Secretary of State of the United States, informing this Department that the British Secretary of State for foreign affairs had demanded that in the event of the decision of the Emperor of Russia being in favour of the construction adopted by the United States, of that part of the first article of the treaty of Ghent which prohibits the carrying away of slaves by British officers after the conclusion of the peace, the full extent of the demands upon Great Britain for restitution or indemnity for losses sustained should be made known as speedily as possible. On the receipt of this communication, the purport of which we deemed so deeply interesting to such of our citizens as had sustained hopes of the description adverted to. We caused the letter of the Secretary of State of the United States to be published in such and so many of the public prints as we thought necessary to give the above mentioned requisition sufficient notoriety.

The Secretary of State of the United States having selected this Department as the channel through which the demand made was to be communicated to the people, we considered that from the indefinite of the proof required, we could do nothing better upon the subject, than publish the letter at large as transmitted to us, thereby referring to the judgment and discretion of each individual, the course it would be proper to pursue in relation thereto.

It is right and proper that you, Gentlemen, should be apprized of the propriety of adopting some measure during your present session, to raise the necessary supplies to