

heretofore so cheerfully evinced in cherishing the common interest of both, will suggest, on this occasion, the propriety of adopting common means with the State of Maryland for the attainment of mutual benefits.

In obedience to the resolution authorizing sundry repairs to be made to the State house, and Government house, we appointed Mr Washington G. Truck to superintend the repairs of the former, and Mr Jeremiah L. Boyd to do the carpenter work to the latter; all necessary repairs have been made to the Government house, and neat and substantial enclosures put up wherever they were deemed to be necessary. The Dome of the State House has been repaired and painted, but the roof still remains in its former state. It would conduce greatly to the security of the building, and render it much more durable could the roof be covered with slate, the cost of which would be but little more than the expense of a common covering with shingles.

In virtue of the resolution empowering the Executive to compensate the Commissioners appointed to view and inspect the United States Turnpike Road running through Allegany County, we allowed twenty four dollars and thirty three and a third cents to each.

Foreable to the directions contained in the resolution authorizing us to examine into the services rendered the State by Henry M. Murray, Esquire, in prosecuting the officers of certain Banks in the City of Baltimore, we investigated the nature of the duties performed by him in the trials which took place in the County Court, and Court of Appeals; and being of opinion that five hundred dollars would not be more than a reasonable compensation for his professional labours in behalf of the State, we gave him an order on the Treasurer for that amount, which has been paid.

A copy of the Resolution respecting the encouragement given to negroes leaving the service of their masters in this State; and the harbouring of them by certain citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the State of Delaware, has been duly forwarded to the Executive Department of those respective States, agreeable to the directions of the General Assembly; and we confidently trust that a sense of justice and propriety will induce, on their part, the adoption of such measures as will be adequate to prevent the evil in future, thereby rendering more secure to the citizens of our State, the rights of private property, hitherto held by a tenure too precarious in consequence of the alleged grievance.

In compliance with the resolution of the General Assembly, the Governor and Council