

Division may be speedily, and satisfactorily, healed.

Major Genl Wm H Donald I have the honor to remain
with the highest respect
Yours Ob. Serv

Particular.

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Annual Message of the Governor to the Legislature.

To the Honorable the President of the Senate
and the Honorable the Speaker of the
House of Delegates,

Gentlemen,

You having again appointed from different
sections of the State, to transact the public business, and to effectuate the views and
wishes of your constituents, it then properly devolves upon this Department, to place
before you our proceedings, and suggest such measures as we may think compatible with
the general interest.

By a resolution of the Legislature passed at the last Session Nov 7,
we were requested to transmit to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the
House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and also to the
Governors of Virginia and Pennsylvania, copies of the act incorporating the
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company which has been done; and by authority
of the said act twenty second Section of said act three Commissions have been appointed
on the part of this State for the purpose of opening books and receiving subscriptions.

In anticipation of the incalculable advantages likely to be derived
from this long contemplated work, we cannot for bear earnestly recommending to
you, as the constituted Guardians of the State's interests, to exert your fostering
hand to this great improvement. We do not deem it necessary to expatiate
on the innumerable advantages, which must result from the great influx
of Western produce into the Commercial Metropolis of our State, but above
all, as Citizens of the Union on the broad scales of justice, we should extend
to those to whom nature has denied them, some of those blessings which we enjoy.
It will tend to strengthen the bonds of Union between the States in times of
peace, and facilitate their operations in times of war.

It must be a pleasing reflection to the Citizens of the United States, to
see the many improvements which have been projected, and now actually
progressing toward a final accomplishment.

When we contemplate the vast and mighty works of our
Sister States, in mingling the waters of the Lakes with the Ocean; when we
view the exertions of others pursuing that noble example, and wish to stand
at our ports, and suffer ourselves to be reproached with inactivity, when duty
and interest so loudly call for action?

Whilst on this interesting subject, permit me to call your attention
to a correspondence between the Clerk of the Senate of your direction, and