

ascertained and settled the expence incurred by the Commissioners appointed to ascertain and define the Western boundary line - a detailed Statement of facts will at an early period be laid before the General Assembly.

The 39th resolution directs the Governor to have the Supplement to the Militia Law, passed at the last Session, published, which has been complied with.

We beg leave to call your serious attention to the situation of our Militia. A well organized Militia may truly be called the Strong arm of the State. The preservation and continuance of a free Government.

It is by an effective Militia we can alone be able at a short notice and at small expence, to restore us to tranquility, and repel foreign aggression, and although we are in the present enjoyment of the blessings of peace and prosperity, we have no reason to believe in a perpetual continuance of them. It is, therefore, the dictate of wisdom and sound Policy to put into operation those useful and economical forces which are best calculated to secure our repose. Under the present System it is believed to be impracticable ever to obtain the advantages which we ought to derive; on the contrary we view it as only calculated to produce a heavy expence to the State, and a waste of the time of our citizens for no benefit whatever. We think the Returns which have been made to this Department will justify the remark in relation to one important object of keeping up an Organization of the Militia, viz, that of ascertaining their Numbers. For notwithstanding the many exertions we have made, and considerable expence incurred, to procure full and accurate reports upon this subject, the returns we have received, have been so incomplete and defective, that no benefit, nor but little information has been derived from them. We therefore most earnestly recommend the passage of a more energetic Militia Law, or a total abolition of the present System.

In pursuance of the Authority vested in us by the Resolution No 25 passed by the Legislature at December Session 1823, we have directed the Register of the Land Office to transcribe the first 102 pages of Liber P. T. No 2, and Liber E. J. No 6, from page 446 to 535, have found, upon examination, that so much of said Records required transcribing.

Two hundred copies of each the 5th & 6th Volumes of Harris and Johnson's reports contracted for by the Executive, in virtue of the Resolution No 30 passed at December Session 1823, have been completed and delivered, and drafts on the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to the amount of two thousand dollars, paid therefor. By the aforesaid resolution, these copies at the future disposition of the Legislature. You will, therefore, make such distribution of them, as in your wisdom and judgment the public interest requires, and will most effectually promote the object intended by them.

A Report has been received from Col. Henry Smith, who in conjunction with William Sanderson Esq, has been appointed to superintend the repair of the Barracks at Frederick Town, under the Resolution No 7 passed at December Session 1822, stating that with the money advanced them (\$600) they had put both Wings of the Barracks under