

MESSAGE

OF THE

EXECUTIVE

TO THE

General Assembly of Maryland.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, December 30th, 1829.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate, and

Of the House of Delegates.

The Session of the General Assembly, is an event that loses nothing of its interest by repetition, but, exemplifying the excellence of the institutions under which we live, it annually calls forth all the anxious excitement natural to a free people, who watch over the public concerns, as one of their highest and most important duties.

In meeting you on this occasion, Fellow Citizens, the Executive bid you welcome to the Seat of Government, on the conclusion of a year of peace and plenty, the benefits and bounties of which claim from us all, the most ardent render of our gratitude to that great source, to whose beneficent dispensations we owe all that we enjoy.

Accountable to the Legislature for the discharge of the duties which it has thought proper to confide to the Executive, it becomes proper, in the first place, to render a full account of what we have done in relation to such trusts; and this we shall do in the order in which they were assigned.

In pursuance of a resolution of the last General Assembly, directing certain records in the Land Office of the Western Shore, to be re-bound, the Executive have examined the several record books in that office, and have directed such to be bound, as appeared to them to require it for their preservation.

In compliance with the resolution requiring the Executive to contract with some competent person to make two copies of the Plot of the Public Lands, Westward of Fort Cumberland, a contract has been made with John Duvall, Esquire,