

and the Governor had the gratification of presenting to Captain Ballard and Lieutenant Mayo, these respective memorials of their country's admiration, and of their own gallantry. Lieutenant Cross being absent from the United States, on public service, the sword to be presented to him, still remains in the Council Chamber.

In compliance with the directions of the General Assembly, we applied to the President of the United States for a deputation from the Corps of Engineers, to survey a route for a lateral canal, to connect the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, with the Chesapeake Bay, at this city, and to ascertain whether such lateral canal can be constructed, without injury to the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. We also made a like application at the request of the Commissioners appointed by resolution of the General Assembly to examine and survey the route for a canal to connect the Potomac river, with the Sinepuxent Bay and Tangier Sound, for an engineer to aid them in the performance of that duty. But we regret that such was the previous engagements of the Engineers, as to render it impracticable for the President to comply with our requests: as appears by the replies of the Secretary of War, of which copies, and also of our applications, are herewith submitted.

We lay before you a list of the deaf and dumb that have been selected under the act of December session, 1827, to be sent to the Pennsylvania Institution to be educated at the expense of the State. The law provides, that there shall be one deaf and dumb person selected from each county and from the city of Baltimore; and that in case of reports not being made from some of the counties, additional selections shall be made from the counties reporting the highest numbers, until the number of twenty shall have been selected. Under this proviso, two have been selected from each of the counties of Talbot, Caroline and Anne Arundel, and from the city of Baltimore. The one selected from Frederick, and the only one reported from that county, we have been informed died before being sent to the institution, so that there are five yet to select, to complete the number provided for by the act of the General Assembly. The amount expended for this object within the present year, is for education \$665 64; for expenses of conveying pupils to the institution \$66 00.

We herewith submit, for your consideration, a communication from his excellency the late Governor of Louisiana, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State, proposing so to amend the constitution of the United States, that the President and Vice President of the United States