

this principle, we shall proceed to lay before you, such acts and proceedings of this Department, as may be either interesting or necessary for your information, growing out of the resolutions of the last General Assembly, or required by the laws of the State.

The resolutions expressive of the high admiration of the Legislature for the gallant conduct displayed by three of our distinguished naval officers in the late war, have received due notice. The swords which were required to be prepared and presented under the resolutions referred to, have not been finished, but according to the agreement, will be ready for presentation in the next month.

In tendering testimonials to the officers, who have done honor to their state, by their bravery and honorable services in the late war, the name of a most gallant gentleman has escaped the notice, no doubt, inadvertently, of former Legislatures, and we most respectfully, ask leave, now to introduce it to your attention:—we allude to Capt. George Rogers. The justly celebrated action between the Wasp and the British sloop, the Frolic, is fresh in our recollection. It was in that hard fought battle, Lieutenant Rogers, of the Wasp, evinced the patriotic ardor and naval skill, which entitle him, among others, to the warmest expression of gratitude from the citizens of his native state.

The resolutions Nos. 54 and 55, have been duly complied with. The sealed proposals for executing the public printing, as required, are herewith transmitted, for the consideration of the Legislature.

The Executive, in conformity with the resolution No. 59, caused abstracts of the election laws to be distributed with the laws passed at the last session of the General Assembly; and a copy of the laws and resolutions was forwarded to the Trustees of the poor in each county of the State, pursuant to the resolution No. 62.

According to the act of Assembly of last session, authorising and requiring the Executive 'to appoint a suitable person to represent the State in all future meetings of the stockholders of all joint stock companies incorporated to make roads and canals, and to vote therein,' the Honorable Michael C. Sprigg, of Washington county, has been appointed to represent the interest of the state, and to vote upon the stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company.

The attention of the Executive was drawn to the act of Assembly, passed in 1825, authorising the purchase of a complete set of the manuscript or printed votes and proceedings of every session of the several conventions held