

We have received your message, proposing an interchange of services of the Reverend Gentlemen appointed Chaplains to the two houses and concur therein.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clerk.

The clerk of the Council delivered the following communication from his Excellency the Governor, which was read, and with accompanying documents laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis January, 1828, }

Fellow Citizens of the Senate, and,

of the House of Delegates,

The usual period has again arrived when by the provisions of our Constitution, the Representatives of a free people, selected for their wisdom and integrity, are convened for the purpose of consulting together for the general good of the State; and coming as you do from every part of it, necessarily bring with you a perfect knowledge of the wants and wishes of our common constituents.

That the enviable distinction which you have received is well merited, and that the confidence of the people will be fully rewarded by the wisdom of your measures, we feel the most satisfactory anticipations; and if by an entire co-operation on our part which we cordially tender you, the public welfare shall be promoted and the business of the session facilitated, it will afford us the highest satisfaction.

The subjects referred to the Executive by the last General Assembly, were but few, and of minor importance—they have all been attended to.

The weights and measures directed by An act of December session, 1825, to be procured, have all been obtained, and delivered in the course of the past summer to the respective Levy Courts of the Counties. They appear to have been well made, of the best materials and may be considered correct standards.

We submit herewith the annual report of the Directors of the Penitentiary, which shews that the concerns of that institution have been well conducted; the additional building authorised to be erected, and which is designed to provide cells for solitary confinement, from which the happiest results are anticipated, in the reformation of criminals, is not yet completed.