

You will, herewith receive the several proposals for furnishing the necessary stationary for the use of the executive and legislative departments of the government, for the ensuing year, which have been received by the clerk of the council, in virtue of a resolution of the last general assembly.

The pamphlet laws of the several states and territories, have been bound, as directed by resolution of the last session; but that part of the said resolution directing proper measures to be taken to procure a complete copy of the laws of such of the states and territories, as were not in the library, has not been executed, because the usual, and what appears to be the proper mode of procuring them—by reciprocal exchanges for ours—was not in my power, as I could not ask a favour of others, which we were not prepared to reciprocate. A further notice of this subject will appear in another part of this communication.

I subscribed for fifty copies of Harris' Entries, proposed to be published by Lucas and Deaver of the City of Baltimore, in compliance with the directions of the general assembly.

The appointments of planters and shippers of tobacco, for the purpose of examining the condition of the public tobacco warehouses in Baltimore, and the different scites on the Basin, and reporting to you their views of the expediency or inexpediency of concentrating the inspection, were made, as directed by the Legislature. And, in compliance with the directions of an act of December Session 1825, relative to the purchase and building of said warehouses, I have to state, that within the past year, ending the first inst. there has been paid, from the revenue arising from the inspection of tobacco the sum of \$14,924 82, on account of the principal and interest of the debt incurred in the purchase and building of said warehouses. All the stock issued, on account of said warehouses, which has become payable, has been redeemed: leaving now due, \$25,000 of the stock issued by the executive, which will be redeemable on the 20th of April next, and \$48,000 issued by the treasurer, which will not be redeemable until the year 1837. And there is now in the treasury, applicable to the payment of the principal and interest of said loans, the sum of \$16,765 44. The stock payable in April next, it is believed, will be redeemed shortly after that date; after which the revenue arising from inspection, cannot until 1837, be applied to the extinguishment of the residue of the debt otherwise than by purchase; which will require authority from you, and the propriety of conferring which, upon the Treasurer of