

The treasurer of the western shore being required by law to make a detailed report to you of the financial concerns of the state; I deem it unnecessary to enter into any detail upon that subject. But I have the gratification to state, that after meeting all the appropriations, and demands within the fiscal year, the balance remaining in the treasury on the first instant, considerably exceeds that remaining at the end of the previous year.

The communication from Gideon Pearce, Esq. with an index to the laws and resolutions of the state, from the year 1826 to 1829, inclusive, prepared by him under authority of the executive, in virtue of the resolution No. 64, of November session 1811, herewith transmitted, has just been received. It rests with you to make Mr Pearce such compensation for his services as the nature and execution of the work justly entitles him to.

In conclusion, allow me to say that I have endeavoured to abridge this report as much as the variety of subjects necessary to be embraced, would permit; preferring to submit the documents themselves to the wisdom of the legislature, as no doubt is entertrined by me, that your deliberations, aided by a kind and merciful Providence, will tend to the advancement of the honor, dignity and prosperity of the state.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest consideration,

Your ob't. humble serv't.

GEORGE HOWARD.

Mr. Mayer presented the petition of the house of refuge of Baltimore, which was read and referred to Messrs. Mayer, Montgomery and Wootton.

Mr. Pigman, from the committee appointed to report rules for the government of the Senate, at its present session, made the following report, to wit:

RULE 1st. The President shall take the chair at the hour of meeting.

2nd. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes his chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.

3rd. The names of the Senators shall be called in alphabetical order, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

4th. The President having taken the chair, a quorum being present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, that any mistakes that shall have been made in the entries, may be corrected.