

of the people, and although, many would no doubt, be carried beyond the limits of the state, in case of the removal of their possessors, yet they would not be lost to the country, and great advantage would be gained by having the soldier and his arms connected, should any unhappy cause occur for their use.

The report of the Board of Managers, for removing the free people of color from the state, is also sent herewith; although their operations have been circumscribed during the past year, yet it is believed, that a perseverance in this plan will lead to results of the most pleasing and important consequences. The prosecution of this system, may probably, at some distant day tend to the restoration of the whole of our colored population, to the land of our forefathers.

The five per cent. stock issued by the Executive, on account of the purchase and building of warehouses, in the city of Baltimore, for the inspection of tobacco, was all redeemed, when it became payable in April last.—The only debt now existing on account of said warehouses, is the loan of \$48,000, obtained by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, which will not become payable until the year 1837. There is a considerable sum now in the Treasury, arising from the inspection of tobacco, which cannot be applied to the extinguishment of that debt, for the payment of which it is pledged, otherwise than by purchase; and I submit to your consideration the propriety of giving authority to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to purchase said stock, under such restrictions and limitations, as you may deem necessary.

In compliance with the direction of the laws relating to the penitentiary, I lay before you the Annual Report of the Directors of that institution, exhibiting its operations for the past year, and the present state of its concerns.

The several proposals for furnishing stationary for the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Government for the ensuing year, which has been received by the clerk of the council, in virtue of a resolution of the general assembly, are herewith submitted for your consideration.

The accompanying communications from the respective Executives of the several states of Pennsylvania,