

Virginia, and Delaware, with copies of letters from this department to each of said Executives, and an opinion of the Attorney General, upon one of the subjects of said correspondence; and also a Report and Resolutions of the General Assembly of New Hampshire, and a communication from the collector of the port of Baltimore, stating a difficulty which has occurred, in relation to the inspection of tobacco from other states, passing through Baltimore to other markets within the United States, are submitted for your consideration, and such action on them respectively, as you may deem necessary and proper.

The several laws and resolutions of the last general assembly, conferring authority, and directing the performance of specific duties by the Executive, have been duly attended to, and the wishes of the legislature complied with.

By a resolution of the legislature, my predecessor in office was directed to procure (amongst others which have been delivered as ordered) a sword with suitable devices, to be presented to the late gallant Capt. George W. Rogers, of the navy, for his good conduct during the late war. Before the sword was completed, this gentleman departed for a foreign station, to take command of a squadron—he, alas! was destined never to return, and this memorial of his services and worth, still remains in the Executive chamber, awaiting the direction of the Legislature, as I did not feel myself authorised to make any disposition of it after the decease of the individual for whom it was intended.

I have thus endeavoured rather to prompt your action upon some important subjects, than to urge them for adoption under my views. Some of my ideas are perhaps, totally erroneous, but at this period, when there is about to be a separation between us, I hope that you will draw the veil of charity over all the errors in this communication, and permit me to state, in concluding this message, that I do not wish to be considered as a candidate for re-election. In making this declaration, I do it with deep humility, by no means supposing, that any will have cause for regret, but I do so merely from the necessity of making known to you my determination. I have not the vanity to suppose, that such a declaration would be necessary, but as custom seems to