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done, and we hope faithfully. But notwithstanding all a our efforts, the work is still not sufficiently prepared to justify us in now presenting it to you for consideration. It would be useless, indeed worse than useless, to submit it, until it is so far perfected, as to enable you to act promptly and understandingly upon the subject, and to do this advantageously, it will be necessary to have be fore you all parts of it, that in any way may be connected with each other. The time and the expense atten? ding your examination of it might be entirely lost, and the final completion of the undertaking retarded, instead of expedited, if you acted upon the work in detached parcels, and not as an entire system. The preparation which we have now made and the actual progress in which the compilation at present is, justify us in making the assurance to the Legislature, that by the next ses sion, we shall have so far completed it, as to enable us to present it for their examination, and in a manner calculated to save them much labor, and to make the work when it meets their sanction, highly useful to the state. and such as will fully have accomplished the object of the resolution under which it will have been prepared.

We have the honor to be, most respectfully your obedient servants.

> John Buchanan, Reverdy Johnson,

Annapolis 4, January 1834.

Mr. Mayer presented the petition of Martha A. Kelso, praying for a divorce from Parkin Hollingsworth.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Mayer, Montgomery and Osborn.

Mr. Mayer presented the petition of Godfrey Meyer and others, praying the incorporation of a National Infirmary, upon the Thompsonian System.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Mayer Claude and Montgomery.

Twelve o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded