

years at the latest from this date, and that it be printed *correctly*; also, that I have some assurance of a fulfilment of this condition precedent.

I desire very much to see the story of most interesting incidents and events and those valuable materials of history which these MS. contain preserved, by a speedy multiplication of printed copies, against accident and the mouldering of time, to say nothing of any merit in the philosophical and political reflections by which they are connected; and I could scarcely see, without mortification and regret, the cherished literary offspring of a friend mangled, as it might be in the press, for want of the proper auspices.

The work described will be left in the care of Thomas Culbreth, Esq. Clerk of the Council, for the inspection of any committee that either house of the assembly may think proper to appoint.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LEEDS KERR.

Annapolis, Feb. 21, 1834.

Mr. Mayer submitted the following message which was read and adopted:

By the Senate,

February 21st, 1834.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We submit to the consideration of your honorable body the accompanying letter of John Leeds Keer, Esq. The proffer it contains entitles this communication to the most respectful attention; and we propose to your honorable body that it be referred to the joint committee on the Library of the house and senate.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clk.