

with. The sealed proposals for executing the public printing, as required are herewith transmitted, for the consideration of the Legislature.

The Executive, in conformity with the resolution No. 59, caused abstracts of the election laws to be distributed with the laws passed at the last session of the General Assembly; and a copy of the laws and resolutions was forwarded to the Trustees of the poor in each county of the State, pursuant to the resolution No. 62.

According to the act of Assembly of last session, authorising and requiring the Executive "to appoint a suitable person to represent the State in all future meetings of the stockholders of all joint stock companies incorporated to make roads and canals, and to vote therein." the Honourable Michael C. Sprigg of Washington county, has been appointed to represent the interest of the state, and to vote upon the stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company.

The attention of the Executive was drawn to the act of Assembly, passed in 1825, authorising the purchase of a complete set of the manuscript or printed votes and proceedings of every session of the several conventions held antecedently to the formation of the state government, and the votes and proceedings of the Senate and House of Delegates, which are missing.' And we have the satisfaction to state, that a purchase has been made of these records, from Mr. Jonas Green of Annapolis.

They commence in the year 1772, and are continued to the year 1826. It is believed, that this is the only set of these early records to be obtained; and it must certainly be a source of much gratification to all who hold in grateful recollection the services of their ancestors, thus to be enabled to examine their proceedings, and at the same time, to be furnished with useful information for future legislation.

In virtue of the authority given under the resolution No. 64, adopted at November Session 1811, Gideon Pearce, Esq. has been appointed to prepare an index to the Laws of the General Assembly, commencing with the session of 1826, and ending with the session of 1829—when this work shall have been completed, it will remain for the Legislature to determine upon the compensation to be allowed for this service.

Being requested by the Commissioners to that effect, a letter was addressed, by order of the Executive, to the Secretary of War, for an Engineer to survey the route for a Canal 'to connect Pocomoke River, Sinepuxent Bay and Tangier Sound.' The acting Secretary of War, in his reply, states, that a previous communication had been made upon the subject by the late Executive of the State—that the ap-