

As I foresaw the inconvenience that would arise from a continuance of the plan which we had at first adopted, of reporting on the 1st January every year, I announced last year that, with the permission of the Governor, the report would not be handed in before the 1st February. I regret that even with that delay, it should not now be ready. I anticipate, however, no delay farther than the execution of the lithographed maps.

In addition to the annual report, it was my intention to furnish to the Executive this year another, not intended for publication, which would embody precisely the information which the House calls for, except that it would extend through all the years of the work; that will have been prepared along with the annual report about the 15th or 20th of this month, unless the Executive should desire it sooner. It appears to me, however, that the interest of this very important work will be better subserved, and probably the convenience of the House as we gratified, by allowing all to go on together. In my exertions for the speedy completion of which I shall not cease to be indefatigable.

Do me the favor, if you please, to lay this letter before the Governor; and accept, in conclusion, the assurance of the respect with which

I remain your obedient servant,

J. H. ALEXANDER.

Tho. Culbreth, Esq.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported, that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required;

The house then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Ford, chairman of the committee on the constitution, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house upon said bill, and, after some time spent in committee, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Carpinter the chairman, reported that the said committee had, in obedience to order, had the said bill under consideration, and, having made some progress therein, had directed him to ask leave to set again, which leave was granted by the house.

Mr. Bowles submitted the following message—