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The following Message was adopted and sent by the
Acts of the Council to the General Assembly, viz.

In Council
Annapolis December 27 1826

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
of the House of Delegates

We avail ourselves, with great
pleasure, of the first occasion we have had to address the General Assembly,
the immediate representatives of the people, to express our gratitude for the
distinguished proof of confidence, they have been pleased to afford us.
Diffident of our abilities, and deeply impressed with the magnitude of the
trust confided to our care, we should despair of a successful and satisfactory
administration of the concerns of the State, were it not for the aid we
derive from your enlightened Councils.

As "Trustees of the public," accountable for the performance of the
high trust and duties committed to us by the Constitution, or decided
upon by the Legislature, we proceed to lay before you an account of
such of our acts and proceedings, since the adjournment of the last General
Assembly, as may be interesting to you, or the people, our common constituents,
and to add such suggestions upon the important interests and concerns of
the State, as have occurred to us during the present year, as worthy of being
presented for your consideration.

We proceed in the first instance, to give you a detail of our
acts and proceedings, under the several resolutions and Laws, passed at
the last Session of the General Assembly, conferring upon us various
powers, and devolving upon us a variety of duties, accompanied by such
observations on each subject, as seem to us proper, and necessarily
connected therewith.

As requested by the General Assembly, we forwarded to each
of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a copy of each of the