

and offered, we have the honor to send you, herewith, copies of the Regulations, under which the Executive were required to have the said papers recorded, and of two communications from the Register in Chancery, proposing to do the work, and of all the entries in our proceedings relative thereto. The Stationary for the work was purchased by Mr. Thompson, and (I suppose) (who has long purchased all Stationary for the Executive, upon the same terms) and cost, including a commission of ten per centum, \$1017.61.

You will perceive that the contract did not extend to all the unrecorded papers in the Chancery Office, but only to such as are required by Law; (viz the Laws of 1817), to be recorded. No offer to contract for recording the whole said papers for a given sum, was made to the Executive, by anyone.

With the highest consideration we have
the honor to remain

Yours Obedt. Servt.
E. R. Kent.

The following Message was accepted, and sent by the Clerk of the Council to the House of Delegates, viz.

Executive Department
Annapolis March 5th 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

I have received your order of yesterday's date requesting us to report to you, forthwith, whether under any Act or Acts of Assembly, relative to the erection of State & Barracks Warehouses, any person or persons have been appointed by them to Super-intend the building of said Warehouse, and, if so, what is the tenure of the office of such Super-intendant and the duties of his office; what the security required of him for the faithful performance of those duties; and whether public notice was given of their intention to create such office, and of their desire to receive proposals on the best possible terms for the employment of such Super-intendant; and also whether any officer has been appointed by them, to collect and receive Wharfage on any of the State's property within the City of Baltimore; what the extent of Wharfage authorized to be received by such officer, whether he is a Salary officer, or is paid out of the proceeds of the Wharfage received by him; and, if so, what is the proportion of the Wharfage allotted to him; what security has been required of him for the performance of his duties; whether any report has ever been made by him of the amount received by him for Wharfage; and what proportion has been paid over by him for the use of the State; and beg leave to state, that the Documents sent to you with a communication from this Department on the 22nd day of January last afford information on most of the points of enquiry contained in your order. The gentleman appointed by us to take charge of the property owned by the State, and which was purchased for State inspection Warehouse in the City of Baltimore, was not required to give any security for the performance of the duty required of him. The appointment was merely for the temporary security and preservation of the property from injury, until the Legislature should think proper otherwise to provide for that object. No report has ever been made to us of the amount received for Wharfage. It is believed that the facts now stated, with the documents referred to, and already in your possession, will afford all the information