

required by your order.

With the highest respect
we have the honor to remain
Yours Obedt. Servts.
Jos. Hunt.

Thursday March 6th 1828.

The Council met.
This Evening
and
The Council

Present:
Joseph Hunt Junior
William Stewart
Thomas Davis
Charles E. Smyth
Benjamin Estlin
Members of the Council.

The following Resolutions adopted yesterday was 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,

In answer to your order of yesterday's date requesting us to report to you, forthwith, whether any public notice was given by the Governor and Council of their intention to contract for the recording of the un-recorded chancery papers, and whether proposals for the execution of the said work or for the purchase of paper and stationery, were invited by any such public notice, and also to inform the House if it be within their knowledge from whom the paper and stationery and for the purpose were purchased, and also to transmit to this House copies of all bills for the same furnished by the Messengers of the Council; and also to report specifically to what kind or species of chancery papers their contracts for recording extended, we have the honor to state that no public notice was given of the intention on the part of the Executive to contract for the recording of the chancery papers as it was considered that sort of business, not proper to be put up to the lowest bidder, and that we could not have had it performed by competent persons for a less price than twenty five cents per line below the compensation required by Law; the said by individuals for similar services.

It has already been informed that the paper and stationery used in recording those papers was purchased in the usual way, that stationery has long been purchased for the Executive and we herewith transmit copies of all the bills for the same furnished by the Messengers of the Council, which will show of whom the purchases were made.

Our last communication on this subject states, explicitly, that the contract for recording those papers did not extend to the un-recorded papers in the Chancery Office, but only to such of them, as are required by Law, to be recorded, in the English language, of the Resolutions of the General Assembly under which the contract was made; of which Resolutions, and also of the contract we furnished you with copies, and we now add, that we instructed the gentlemen engaged in the work to record and only of said papers as were required to be recorded by the 5th section of the Act of 1817 Chapter 119, this being according to our understanding of the intention of the General Assembly and