

with the Army, and when we consider that the State receiving her quota of Arms
from the General Government, we may be led to doubt whether the plan
would not be less expensive in the end. Thus the indiscriminate appro-
priation of Arms in cases of emergency. By the adoption of this plan the Arms
would be in the hands of the people and although many would, no doubt, be
carried beyond the limits of the State in case of the removal of their possessors,
yet they would not be lost to the Country, and great advantages would be
gained by having the Soldier and his Arms connected, should any unhappy
case occur for their use. The Report of the Board of Managers for removing
the free people of color from the State, is also sent herewith. Although
their operations have been circumscribed during the past year, yet it is
believed that a perseverance in the plan will lead to results of the most
pleasing and important consequence. The prosecution of this system may,
probably, at some distant day tend to the restoration of the whole from
colored population, to the Land of our Fathers.

The five per cent stock issued by the Executive, on account of the
purchase and building of Warehouses in the City of Baltimore, for the
Inspection of Tobacco was all received when it became payable in April
last. The only debt now existing on account of said Warehouses is the
Loan of \$4,000 obtained by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, which will
not become payable until the year 1837. There is a considerable sum
now in the Treasury arising from the inspection of Tobacco, which cannot
be applied to the entire payment of that Debt for the payment of which
it is pledged, otherwise than by purchase, and I submit to your consid-
eration the propriety of giving authority to the Treasurer of the Western Shore
to purchase said Stock, under such restrictions and limitations as you
may deem necessary.

In compliance with the direction of the Laws relating to
the Penitentiary, I lay before you the annual Report of the
Directors of that Institution, exhibiting its operations for the past year,
and the present State of it concerning.

The several proposals for furnishing Stationery for the
Executive and Legislative Departments of the Government for the
ensuing year, which have been received by the Clerk of the Council in
virtue of a Resolution of the General Assembly, and herewith submitted
for your consideration.

The accompanying communications from the respective
Executives of the several States of Pennsylvania, Virginia and
Colombia, with copies of letters from this Department to each of
said Executives, and an Opinion of the Attorney General upon one
of the subjects of said correspondence, and also a Report and Resolutions
of the General Assembly of New Hampshire, and a communication
from the Collector of the Port of Baltimore, stating a difficulty which
has occurred in relation to the Inspection of Tobacco from other States
passing through Baltimore to other markets within the United States,
are submitted for your consideration, and such action in them