

importance, and is submitted to your consideration in the hope and confident expectation, that you will give it a thorough investigation, and if any defects or imperfections should be found in the System, or in the principles or details of its administration, that you will apply the proper corrective.

We submit for your consideration the several proposals for furnishing stationery for the public use, for the ensuing year, which have been received under an advertisement, (a copy of which is also submitted,) by the Clerk of the Council, in pursuance of a Resolution of the General Assembly.

The communication from His Excellency the Governor of Virginia, in relation to the long unsettled boundary line, between that commonwealth and this State, and the act of the General Assembly, of which His Excellency enclosed the authenticated copy herewith transmitted, it seems to us, leaves no ground to hope for settlement of the pending controversy in the mode hitherto pursued. Under this impression, and finding that the fair, impartial and certain, mode of terminating the controversy, by Commissioners to be appointed by the two States, respectively, with *full and unrestricted powers*, and in case of their disagreement by the impartial umpirage of His Excellency the Governor, (for the time being) of the State of Delaware, which we had several years since proposed, and which was renewed under the Resolution of December Session 1831,—that the Legislature of Virginia is not disposed to treat upon the subject, but upon the assumption, on their part, of an important, if not the main, point in dispute, we deemed it proper to forbear any further correspondence in relation thereto. And we now submit the matter to your consideration under the fullest conviction that, in its present posture, we cannot consistently with the dignity of the State, make any further advances for an adjustment by negotiation—that we have no other alternatives but to yield the contest, and relinquish our claims, or to assert our rights before the Tribunal Constitutionally authorised, Judically, to decide upon them.

We submit for your consideration, communications from the Executives of the States of Massachusetts & Pennsylvania, proceedings by the Legislatures of those States, respectively, for the suppression of Lotteries. These Documents, relating, as they do, to a subject connected by our Legislation with the fiscal affairs of the State, are entitled to your serious consideration.

A report of a committee, and sundry Resolutions of the