

bled to examine their proceedings, and at the same time, to be furnished with useful information for future legislation.

In virtue of the authority given under the resolution No. 64, adopted at November Session 1811, Gideon Pearce, Esq. has been appointed to prepare an index to the Laws of the General Assembly, commencing with the session of 1826, and ending with the session of 1829—when this work shall have been completed, it will remain for the Legislature to determine upon the compensation to be allowed for this service.

Being requested by the Commissioners to that effect, a letter was addressed, by order of the Executive, to the Secretary of War, for an Engineer to survey the route for a Canal 'to connect Pocomoke River, Sinepuxent Bay and Tangier Sound.' The acting Secretary of War, in his reply, states, that a previous communication had been made upon the subject by the late Executive of the State—that the application should be kept in view, and would receive the consideration of the Secretary of War, at the proper time.

We have the honour herewith to transmit a letter from the Secretary of State, by order of his Excellency the Governor of Delaware. This letter was accompanied with three copies of the revised edition of the laws of that State, up to the year 1829, and three copies of the acts passed at the last session of the General Assembly. A request was made at the same time, that the Executive of Maryland would furnish that State with copies of the laws as would, when received, afford a complete set—a memorandum of the laws asked for, is annexed, and can be referred to. Not having any copies of the laws at our disposal, we take leave to submit the communication to the Legislature, and merely express the hope, that the civility extended to us, may, if practicable, be reciprocated.

Communications have been received, and now are transmitted for the deliberation of the General Assembly; from the Executive departments of the States of Ohio and Delaware, in regard to the tariff of 1828; both of which, contain resolutions adopted by the Legislatures of these States, expressive of the expediency of that measure, and of its accordance with the spirit of the constitution of the United States.

As requested by his Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, we present authenticated copies of two acts of the General Assembly, respecting the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company.

● Copies of the laws of several states have been received; and from the State of Maine, a copy of Greenleaf's Map and statistical view of the State. We have deemed it proper to present the several communications accompanying these documents, in order that they may be referred to, if necessary.