

and the ability to assert and maintain our rights and interests, and the rights and interests of our common country.

A vacancy also occurred, early in the past fall, in the Board of Executive Councillors, by the lamented death of the Hon. Gwinn Harris, its President, which has been supplied by the election of Benedict I. Heard, of St. Mary's county, to serve for the residue of the term of our late associate and friend.

We cannot forbear a public tribute to the memory of our friend and official brother. For three successive years he had been honored by the Legislature with the station of an official adviser of the Governor, and his advice in that capacity, as it always proceeded from an anxious desire for the public good and an enlightened intelligence of his duties, was never without its due authority. An intimate private and official acquaintance for years, justifies us in the funeral eulogy, that he was a warm friend, an honest and intelligent man, an accomplished gentleman and a devoted public servant. As a testimony of public respect for the memory of the deceased, we have given directions that his remains be removed, at the public charge, from Berkley, in Virginia, where they now repose, to his own family cemetery, in Charles county, in this State.

This communication having, from the extended notice which we felt it our duty to take of the principal subjects treated of, become of sufficient length, as we fear, to weary your attention, if not exhaust your patience, we shall forbear to trouble you, at this time, with a detail of our views upon other matters, or of our proceedings in relation to the special duties devolved on us by the General Assembly. In reference to such, we shall make you a further communication in a few days; and we shall hold ourselves ready and prepared to furnish you such special information in relation to any business within our jurisdiction, as you may desire at any time to possess.

In conclusion, we promise you our hearty co-operation in whatever measures you may adopt calculated to advance the interests, preserve the rights and maintain the dignity of the State.

And have the honor to be,

With the highest consideration and respect,

Your obedient humble servant,

THO. W. VEAZEY.