

plan will lead to results of the most pleasing and important consequences. The prosecution of this system, may probably, at some distant day tend to the restoration of the whole of our colored population, to the land of their forefathers.

The five per cent. stock issued by the Executive, on account of the purchase and building of ware-houses, in the city of Baltimore, for the inspection of tobacco, was all redeemed, when it became payable in April last. The only debt now existing on account of said ware-houses, is the loan of \$48,000, 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 extinguishment of that debt, for the payment of which it is pledged, otherwise than by purchase; and I submit to your consideration 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 its concerns.

The several proposals for furnishing stationary 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, are herewith submitted for your consideration.

The accompanying communications from the respective Executives of the several states of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Delaware, 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 on them respectively, as you may deem necessary and proper.

The several laws and resolutions of the last General Assembly, conferring authority and directing the perform-