Society: [illegible] would
not be possible to obtain a
grant of them. I was told this
was scarcely possible. & that
the only manner in which
they could probably be obtained
would be by subscription: The
Documents of the Lords, Lord
Monteagle told me were given
away - as they thought it beneath
their dignity to sell them. but
those of the Commons might be
had for £10 a year -- I told
Brodhead that I would subscribe
for the Society for the 1st year if
he thought it could be kept up
by subscription among the members
at home. but this seeming very
doubtful, we both spoke yesterday
about it to Mr. Brown the member
for Liverpool, who to day called
upon me to say that he had
seen the Librarian of the H. of
Commons & and asked him whether
an exchange could be effected
of the Legislative Documents of
our State of N.Y. (this was my
suggestion) for the Parliamentary
Documents: The Librarian said
that having already the U.S. documents
they scarcely needed those of the
individual States. & mentioned that