

Remarked to be naturally Very Good, and Capable of great Proficiency by a Suitable Cultivation.

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NOTE.—This petition for the improvement of the educational system of the Province may have been written by Richard Lewis, who was still teaching at Annapolis in 1733, whence he sent an account of an Aurora to the Royal Society in 1730 (Proc. No. 418, XXXVII, 69) and of an earthquake in 1732 (Proc. No. 429, XXXVIII, 119). At this time, William Parks was not only publishing the Maryland Gazette, but was also issuing such other pamphlets as "The Virginia and Maryland Almanack" for 1730 and for 1731 by J. Warner, Philomath; "The Maryland Muse, containing I the history of Col. N. Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia done into Hudibrastick Verse from an old Ms. II. The Sotweed Factor or Voyage to Maryland. The 3rd edition corrected and amended" 1731 (an important criticism of the "Sot Weed Factor" is found in Tyler's "American Literature"), and "The Rev. Jacob Henderson's Fifth Letter to Daniel Dulany Esq., in relation to the case and petition of the clergy of Maryland Printed for the author in the year 1732", pp. 2-41. A copy of each of these pamphlets is in the British Museum.