

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland.

*The memorial of the President and Managers of
"THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE MECHANIC ARTS," respectfully sheweth:*

THAT the Institute was established, and by an Act of your honorable body was incorporated, for the purpose of disseminating useful knowledge on subjects connected with the mechanic arts in general, and more especially with the view of offering to apprentices, and young mechanics, the means of acquiring more than a mere practical knowledge of the various branches of art, by diffusing general instruction in the elementary principles of natural science. The object of the Institute is to elevate the character, and to increase the utility to the community, of a class of men, certainly neither the least important, nor the least numerous in the state; and to throw open the doors of the temple of science to all who may wish to become her votaries. That object has ever been held steadily in view; and your memorialists feel themselves justified in the assertion, that, even