

president and managers were influenced by the hope, that the increased attractiveness which would be given to the different courses of lectures would be followed by a corresponding increase in the funds of the Institution; and that they would be enabled, by a gradual appropriation of a portion of their revenue, to discharge the debt incurred, without applying for the fostering patronage of the state. In this hope, however, they have been disappointed: and they now find themselves in possession of every facility for carrying on lectures, on various branches of natural philosophy, and on the principles of science, in general, as applied to manufactures and the practical arts—but, at the same time, burthened with a debt which paralyzes their exertions, and restricts their operations, and which they fear must lead to the sacrifice of the valuable property of which they have become possessed, and to the consequent ruin of the Institute, unless your honorable body will see fit to lend your assistance to it.

Your memorialists forbear to enter into any argument to shew the advantage to be derived to the state from such an Institution as the “Maryland Institute,” or to press upon your honorable body, the importance of extending the benefits of an elementary scientific education to the numerous class of apprentices to the mechanical arts. These they presume to have been the considerations which moved the General Assembly in the creation of the Institute,—and to the influence of these they now trust for the extension of the aid of the state to its support.