

successors, all that four acres within the city of Annapolis purchased for the use of the public, to have and to hold the same to the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, for the only use, benefit and behoof, of the College and Seminary of universal learning, forever. And to provide a permanent fund for the further encouragement and establishment of the said College, it was enacted, "that the sum of one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds current money be annually and forever thereafter given and granted as a donation by the public to the use of the said College on the western shore, to be applied by the Visitors and Governors of the said College to the payment of salaries to the Principal, Professors and Teachers, of the said College. And for that purpose directed, that the monies arising from certain taxes therein specified should be paid to the treasurer of the western shore, and remain in his hands subject to the order of the Visitors and Governors of the said College."

Your Memorialists need not remind the members of the General Assembly, that this law was passed, and these funds were appropriated, at a period when the state was yet suffering the embarrassments and distress which its memorable struggle for independence had caused; and yet of such vital importance to an independent state was it deemed by a wise and enlightened legislature, to establish seminaries of learning "for the liberal education of youth in the principles of virtue, knowledge and literature, in order to train up and perpetuate a succession of able and honest men for discharging the various offices and duties of life," that notwithstanding the difficulties, embarrassments and sufferings, of the times, they solemnly pledged ample funds of the state to provide forever for the payment of the salaries of the Professors. Nor can it be necessary for your Memorialists to inform the Legislature, that thus encouraged and invited by the state, many of its citizens engaged with ardour in the great work, and contributed most liberally to it, thus strictly fulfilling the terms upon which the funds to be granted by