

REPORT.

The joint committee who were organized in obedience to resolution No. 41 of 1832, which requires, "that at every meeting of the General Assembly, a joint committee shall be appointed to investigate and report to the General Assembly the proceedings of the board of Visitors of St. John's College, and whether the same be in conformity to law and calculated to effectuate the design of the Legislature in endowing said college;" have agreed to the following report:

That a knowledge of the administration of the Institution may be imparted generally; and at the same time enable the Legislature to observe whether the proceedings have been in conformity to law, an abstract of the most prominent transactions of the board are recited as follows;

1st. The Visitors appointed by the last Legislature, have accepted their trusts, and taken their seats; the Governor of the state, under the new organization, being *ex-officio*, President of the board of trustees.

2nd. The board have filed in the Court of Appeals, the required official acceptance of the terms of the act of Assembly, passed in favor of the college, at the last session of the Legislature.

3d. The board proceeded at their first meeting under the new organization, to establish a Professorship of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology; and they immediately succeeded in obtaining the services of Docteur Julius T. Ducatel, a professor of distinguished standing, who will deliver his first course of Lectures in the college, in the ensuing Spring.