

The prosperity of St. John's College is deemed a subject of great importance; so that the youth from every portion of the two great divisions of the State may convene with the well grounded assurance of being able to acquire a liberal education, and at the same time consummate the patriotic anticipations of the charter, That the connexion between the two shores will be greatly increased by uniformity in manners, and joint efforts for the advancement of literature. It is believed in no way can this parental operation be so well realized, as by sustaining on a liberal scale, a seminary of learning at the seat of legislation, where parent and child are convened, the one to aid in devising whatsoever regulations for the welfare of society, the other to acquire the principles of knowledge, which in the regular course of events is to be put in requisition under the favorable auspices of uniformity of manners and early associations. To give proper effect to the desires of the Visitors, it is thought important to enlarge the College edifice, and extend the means of accommodation for Students, and at the same time endow a Professorship, and thus simultaneously to receive and instruct an increased number of youth. The resources hitherto relied upon, is the annual appropriation from the Treasury, & the ordinary receipts of the tuition. These are insufficient to enable the Visitors to effect objects so important to the prosperity of the institution. It has previously been intimated in the abstract of the proceedings, that it is proposed, if the means of the College should prove insufficient, to collect funds by subscription. It is an expedient resorted to by many of the most flourishing seminaries of learning in distant States, to which our own citizens have liberally contributed, whilst the unpretending character of this institution has shrunk from resorting to so familiar and legitimate a mode of obtaining assistance, and seems to have laboured under the belief, that the repeal or revocation of legislative endowments, at the same time cancelled the right to collect