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J. BOZMAN KERR, Chairman.

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 30th, 1838.

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By order, G. G. BREWER, Cl'k.

The Joint Committee on the State Library beg leave to submit the following Report:

That in pursuance of the rules and regulations, prescribing the respective duties of the Librarian and the committee, an accurate statement of all monies received and expended during the past year, has been presented for examination and approval by the very efficient officer at the head of this institution. In addition to this statement, ascertained to be correct, the Librarian, within the scope of his duty and office, has made certain suggestions which your committee fully approve and propose to embody in resolutions appended to their report.

The committee have witnessed with high gratification the laudable anxiety of the Librarian to enrich the State collection with every document, having reference to events consequent upon the first settlement in Maryland. His zeal, in this behalf, entitles him to commendation, and in the absence of any society, within our limits, specially devoted to the history and literature of the country, may be productive of most desirable results.

Many striking incidents, in which the eye of philosophy would detect the germs of present institutions, are to be gleaned from documents printed in England at so early a date, that they have now become valuable *there* as literary curiosities, and can only be procured at considerable expense through an agency abroad. In the statement made to your committee by the Librarian, under the 18th article of