

Whereas the encouragement of literary enterprise and scientific labour, is a subject deeply affecting the character and best interests of a free state, and there can, it is conceived be no national undertaking better calculated to insure the permanent prosperity of the republic. It enhances the value of free institutions, by making them better understood, it gives vigour to the laws by its wholesome influence upon their formation, and it strengthens the energies of government by enlisting in their support a greater mass of intellectual force; these considerations entitle it to the highest regard from every enlightened community, more especially from a community whose government is maintained by a representation, noble in its nature, and selected indiscriminately from the mass of the people: And whereas the University of Maryland, under the patronage of the state, and the more immediate management of an able and learned faculty, has in the course of a few years, notwithstanding the obstacles of limited means and formidable competition from older institutions, attained to a highly reputable rank, from which it not only reflects honour upon the state, and the individuals who support it, but also contributes very extensively to the public advantage, as well in the large expenditure of money which it induces in the state, as in the facilities it affords to education, it is therefore deemed a subject of urgent importance that this institution should receive such aid and support from the government as the public resources may enable it to afford: And whereas the professors of the University have, with a zeal highly honourable and patriotic, contributed from their personal means to the enlargement of the capacities of the institution, in the erection of additional buildings, and in the purchase of expensive and valuable apparatus in order the better to promote the objects of the University, looking only for remuneration for these extraordinary expenditures, from the future profits of the institution, and the gains of a lottery heretofore granted by the legislature: And whereas it is a matter of pressing necessity to the interests of the University, that some means should be resorted to, for the purpose of giving them such a credit as will enable them to borrow money for the completion of buildings now erecting, and hereafter to be erected, and the payment of debts now due, and as it is found to be a difficult matter to obtain loans upon the faith of the lottery or lotteries authorised by law, and as the state feels a very friendly disposition towards the encouragement of this valuable institution and is disposed to extend towards it all the patronage and protection which the exhausted condition of the country, and the narrow means of the government have left in its power therefore,

Resolved, That the regents of the University of Maryland be and they are hereby authorised, to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding — dollars, and that the state of Maryland is hereby obligated to pay the said loan or loans, or such part thereof as may remain unpaid, on the first day of — in the year eighteen hundred and —, in five equal yearly payments, commencing on the said first day of — in the year eighteen hundred and —, and paying each subsequent payment on the first day of — in every year thereafter, until the whole amount shall be paid

And further resolved, That the state will not assume the payment of the interest upon the said loan or loans, but that the payment of the same be left to the regents and faculty of the University, to be paid in such manner as they may deem proper

And further resolved, That the said regents shall from time to time, faithfully apply the proceeds of the lottery or lotteries granted by law, to the extinguishment of the said loan or loans, until the whole amount of such loan or loans shall be paid, and in default of such faithful appropriation, the state is hereby declared to be free from any obligation in virtue of these resolutions.

And further resolved, That the state managers of the lottery or lotteries for the benefit of the University, to be appointed by virtue of an act of assembly at the present session, shall report annually to the general assembly the condition of the funds of the University, derived from the said lottery or lotteries, what portion of said funds has been paid towards the extinguishment of the said loan or loans, and all other matters of importance in relation to the same.

And further resolved, That the faith of the state is hereby pledged for the fulfilment of any contract made in pursuance of these resolutions. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. KENNEDY, Chairman of the Committee.

Which was read.

And a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the University of Maryland, passed at December session 1816, chap. 78; which was read. Ordered that the same have a second reading on Monday next.

The house commenced the second reading of the bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as directs two delegates to be elected in the city of Baltimore as members of the general assembly, and such parts as prescribes the manner of choosing the senate, and of filling their vacancies, and other parts thereof, and adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 2. 1821.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Key delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry jurymen of Saint Mary's county, recommending a change of the times for holding the courts of said county, and also the counter petitions to the same, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under consideration, and as this is a matter in which the convenience of the people is entirely to be consulted, they are of opinion that such a change would answer no good purpose, nor gratify the expectation and wishes of the people; they therefore recommend the continuance of the terms as they now are, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

By order, T POLLARD, Clk.

Which was read

Mr. Barney presents a petition from sundry citizens of Baltimore city, praying for an alteration in the law, so as to make Baltimore county and city bear the burthen of maintaining their own poor; which was read and referred to messrs. Barney, T. W. Hall, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, J. P. Kennedy and Cockey

The bill authorising a lottery to complete the German Reformed Church in Middle-town, Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

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