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Mr. RIDGELY, from the Joint Committee.

REPORT

OF

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

ON

The Memorial of the Regents

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 22, 1839.

Read, and 555 copies ordered to be printed.

By order,

GEO. G. BREWER, Clerk,

The undersigned, a majority the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, appointed on the Memorial of the Regents of the the University of Maryland, beg leave to
REPORT.

The Memorialists claim as lawful Governors of the University of Maryland, the surrender to them from the State or her agents, of the property of that Institution. For the proof of this claim they refer to their charter by which the University was created, (act of 1812, cha. 153,) and to the recent decision of the Court of Appeals, in the case of the Memorialists against Joseph B. Williams, Treasurer of the "Trustees of the University of Maryland;" relying on that decision as establishing that the act of 1825 ch. 190, which dispossessed them, and substituted in the control of the institution the 'Trustees' is a nullity. This act of 1825 proceeded on the idea that the University was a public institution, subject to the discretionary government of the State, and virtually the State's own property