

# REPORT

OF

MR. STEUART, one of the JOINT COMMITTEE,

ON THE

## *Memorial of the Regents of the University.*

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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

Read, and 555 copies ordered to be printed,

G. G. BREWER, Clerk.

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The undersigned, one of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, to whom was referred the memorial of the Regents of the University of Maryland, begs leave to recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

1st. Because it will settle long pending controversies in whose progress the public interests have suffered, and by whose continuance the usefulness of the University may be utterly destroyed.

2d. Because conceding for the sake of compromise that the memorialists are a subsisting private corporation, and therefore entitled to *all the property* of the University, yet the fifth section of this bill stipulates for an agreement on the part of the Regents for the continued devotion of their chartered powers and property to the great public purposes, contemplated by the State in all her acts of liberal patronage towards the Institution; and also secures the supervision of the State over its management and estate, by the power of forfeiture which it reserves.

3d. Because the Board of Trustees have expressed their desire to conform to any directions they may receive from the General Assembly, as to the disposition of the University property which they claim to hold *merely as agents of the State*, and the provisions of this bill do not look to a Legislative de