

gates on the 27th of January, 1827, and the Senate on the 2d day of February following. Since which period this institution has been under the charge and care of the present very efficient officer at its head, a gentleman peculiarly fitted and qualified for the station, who by his unremitting attention, and very valuable suggestions, has greatly contributed, under the fostering care of the Legislature, in raising up this very valuable institution to its present respectable character.

The State Library now numbers, as will appear by the report of the Librarian, (which the committee beg may be considered as part of this report,) more than 12,000 volumes, and although its growth has not been very rapid, it has been sure, and is still increasing. The books are well kept, and in a fine state of preservation; many of them are rare and valuable.

The Committee forbear to speak of the great advantage to the Legislature from an institution so desirable, and so easy of access.

Every delegate, every senator must be aware of this.

In conclusion, they would most respectfully recommend the Library to the fostering care of both Houses of Assembly.

J. S. OWENS,

*Chairman on the part of the House of Delegates.*

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several printers to the Legislature, be, and are hereby directed to furnish to the State Library, ten copies of all public documents, ordered to be printed, in addition to those already ordered under resolution No. 52, passed at December session, 1829; and that the Committee on Claims be requested not to settle the accounts of said printers until the Librarian shall certify to them, of their delivery into the Library; and that the Librarian shall file, and cause the said fifteen copies of the public documents to be bound for the use of the Legislature.