

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Waller presented the Biennial Report from the President of St. John's College to the General Assembly, in conformity with the Act of 1832.

Which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

Annapolis Md., January 12th, 1900.

To the Hon. Lloyd Wilkinson,

Speaker of the House of Delegates:

SIR:—In accordance with custom, I have the honor respectfully to submit through you to the General Assembly of the State, my report of St. John's College for the past two years and of its present condition.

Denomination.

The College is non-sectarian. The Board of Visitors and Governors is obliged by the terms of the charter to uphold this characteristic of the institution.

Its faculty is composed of men of various denominations, and has been selected chiefly with reference to the scholastic attainments of the various members. An army officer has been detailed for duty as instructor in military tactics.

Past Legislation in Reference to the College.

For a correct understanding of the relations of the college to the State, I would mention briefly a few points in connection with its history, which may not be known to all the members of your Honorable Body.

The College traces its foundation to the year 1696, when it was first established as King William's School. In 1784 it was reorganized and received its charter under the name of St. John's College. It is thus recognized as the third oldest college in the country.

By the term of the charter it was enacted (sec. 19) "That the sum of 1,750 pounds, current money (\$8,522.50) be annually, and forever hereafter, given and granted as a donation by the public to the use of the college, to be applied by the visitors and governors of the said college