

Preamble.

er evinced by the Institution of periodical celebrations or the erection of commemorative monuments. And whereas, a large and respectable portion of the people of Maryland have long entertained a desire to commemorate in some suitable manner the site on which stood the city of St. Mary's, (in St. Mary's County,) the ancient capital of the State, the sad remains of which cannot but recall to mind the transient nature of all things sublunary and the melancholy reflection, that nothing more remains but a few mouldering bricks to point out to the antiquarian the spot where civilization and christianity were first introduced into our State. And whereas, the people of Maryland and more especially the citizens of St. Mary's County, actuated by that delicate sensibility which prompts man to adorn and scatter flowers around the tombs of departed relatives and friends, desire to establish on that sacred spot a Female Seminary, that those who are destined to become the mothers of future generations may receive their education and early impressions at a place so well calculated to inspire affection and attachment for our native State. And whereas, the object contemplated cannot be accomplished by private contribution and munificence, and should for other good and sufficient reasons receive the countenance and support of this Legislature, therefore, whereas, power was given to certain Commissioners to raise by lottery thirty thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a large and commodious school for the education of young ladies to be considered monumental in its character, to commemorate the site on which landed our pilgrim fathers. Whereas, said building has since its completion been occupied for the purpose for which it was intended, that the structure is of such magnitude and character that the incidental expenses necessary to keep up repairs has devolved upon the State of Maryland; and whereas, whilst the people of the State are willing to make appropriations for the preservation of the Institution, its nature and its character as a Seminary, can contribute to the advancement of the young ladies of the State by a liberal education.

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars shall, on the warrant of the Comptrol-