

giving a history of the founding of the College, recounting the troubles and difficulties they had sustained from the war, deprecating the necessities impelling them to enforce what they believed to be justly due before a tribunal of the United States, and praying relief from the General Assembly to enable them to establish upon a firm basis of usefulness to the State this ancient institution of St. John's College.

This memorial, to which the undersigned beg leave to refer, will be found in the House Journal and Documents of 1866, page 178.

In response to this memorial, the Legislature, by the Act of 1866, chapter 102, restored the arrearages of the partial annuity of \$3000, which had been suspended during the war, and appropriated to the future support of the College an additional annuity of \$12,000 for the limited term of five years, commencing on the 1st day of June, 1868.

Relying upon this legislation as such to which subsequent Legislatures would adhere, the Board of Visitors of the College unanimously adopted resolutions, to be found on the 5th page of their Annual Report to the General Assembly for the year 1868, ordering the appeal proposed to be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States from the decision of the Court of Appeals to be abandoned.

The undersigned respectfully beg leave to report that they believe the Act of 1866, chapter 101, was passed by the Legislature in view and in consideration of the facts presented in the memorial hereinbefore referred to. That it was passed by the Legislature in good faith, accepted in good faith by the Visitors and Governors of the College, and that the latter in good faith, on the passage of said Act, abandoned all legal proceedings against the State before the Supreme Court of the United States. That in view of the passage of this Act making said appropriation, and in full reliance upon the fulfillment thereof, the Visitors and Governors proceeded to reorganize the College, which had been broken up by occupation by the Federal troops during the war. That the present Faculty and Board of Professors was appointed, and that the Governors entered into such engagements as, in view of the said Act, they were justified in doing, and which they believed would result in finally establishing the College upon a basis of usefulness to the State.

The undersigned fully appreciate the importance to the people of Maryland of having within the borders of their State, an institution of learning, at which, their sons may receive at home, an education equal at least, to that obtained at Colleges located in other States. Whether or not this will be accomplished by the Act of 1866, they do not express an