

—that to furnish instruction is a public duty— that the poorest have a right to its benefits, because they are bound to sustain their portion of the social compact, and the heaviest of its services often fall in full measure upon them; and finally, that the children of the republic shall be qualified to become good citizens, at the expence of that property which in after life, they are bound to protect.

The legislature have as yet established no method of sustaining the project by adequate funds,

An appropriation from the public treasury of 800 dollars to the support of one academy in each of the larger counties, and in smaller counties the same sum to one academy for two or more counties, constitute the principal expense at present sustained by the government of Maryland, for the important object of education; unless we add a small tax paid by some of the banks as a bonus for their charters, and which was intended to be applied to the support of free schools, but has remained as yet unappropriated in several of the counties, because so inadequate to effect that object.

St. John's College at Annapolis, was founded by the public spirited statesmen who had then just contributed so largely to the independence of the country. They contemplated it as an institution where their sons might acquire an education at home, which would