

ANNAPOLIS, Thursday, January 20, 1916.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. H. P. Baker.

Present at roll call the following Senators:

Messrs.—

President	Chesley	Holmead	Mudd	Warfield
Allen	Collier	Johnson	Norris	Williams
Archer	Cooper	Jones	Ogden	Zihlman
Bennett	Duvall	Joy	Parsons	
Bomberger	Frick	Kaufman	Shepherd	
Brown	Harrison	Legg	Speicher	—27

The Journal of Wednesday, January 19, 1916, was read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

By Mr. Chesley:

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,
THE MAJOR WILLIAM THOMAS CHAPTER,
ST. MARY'S CITY, MD.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We, the members of The Major William Thomas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, most earnestly and respectfully petition your Honorable Body in behalf of St. Mary's Female Seminary, located at St. Mary's City, St. Mary's county, Maryland.

This school was established by Act of the Legislature in 1839, not only as a place of learning, but also as a fitting monument to commemorate the first settlement of Maryland, made by the Calverts in 1634.

By virtue of the Act of 1839, a little more than six acres of ground were purchased for the above-named purpose, and in due course of time buildings were erected and the school inaugurated, and from that time to the present the work of educating the young daughters of Maryland has been most ably and successfully carried on.

We respectfully call your attention to the fact that this school bears a different relation to the State from any other school in the Commonwealth.

This property belongs absolutely to the State; the deed conveying it to the State being on file among the land records of St. Mary's county at Leonardtown. This was one of the conditions of the Act of 1839. Hence it is the bounden duty of the State to take care of its own.