

Mr. Smith, of Baltimore city, presented a memorial of the members of the City Council of Baltimore for the passage of the bill for the opening of Green Spring Avenue;

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stirling presented a memorial of the Independent Greys', a Military Company of Baltimore, asking compensation for services rendered the State by order of the Governor;

Which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Grieves presented the report of the trustees of the Cambridge Academy;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education;

Mr. Mackubin presented the following communication from the Governors and Visitors of St. John's College, through the Principal in obedience to an order of the House of the 4th February, 1858.

*To the Honorable, the House of Delegates:*

The Visitors and Governors of St. John's College beg leave most respectfully to submit the information called for in an order, adopted this morning by your honorable body. In doing which we propose to answer your questions *seriatim*, in the fullest manner possible.

Question 1st. What is the origin of said College?

Answer 1st. By act of 1784, chapter 37, it is declared that "a College or General Seminary of learning, by the name of St. John's College be established on the Western Shore; that the said College should be founded and maintained forever, upon the most liberal plan for the benefit of youth of every religious denomination." And to provide a permanent fund for the further establishment and encouragement of the said College, it was enacted, "that the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty pounds, current money, or four thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars, sixty-six and two thirds cents, be annually and forever thereafter given and granted as a donation by the public, to the use of the said College on the Western Shore, to be applied by the Visitors and Governors of said College to the payment of salaries to the principal, professors and teachers of said College."

Among the original members of the Board of Visitors and Governors of the College, we find the names of Charles Carroll of Carrolton, Arch. Bishop Carroll of the Roman Catholic Church, Bishop Claggett of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Judges Samuel Chase and Jeremiah T. Chase, Nicholas Carroll, Governor Stone, James Bryce and Judge Ridgely.

The first meeting of the Board was held on the 28th of February, 1786. On the 1st of March of the same year, the