

Board chose Annapolis as the place for establishing the College—the 11th day of November, 1789, was selected for the occasion of opening the Institution. The dedication was performed with much solemnity—all the public bodies being in attendance, and forming a long procession from the State House to the College Hall.

Question 2d. What are, or have been, its various endowments?

Answer 2d. Twenty-nine thousand four hundred and one dollars thirty-three and a third cents, were contributed by private individuals, on the faith that the State would make an annual grant in perpetuity, of \$4,666 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ for the College of St. John's. This annuity the College received from 1784 to 1806, when, by act of Legislature, chapter 85, of 1805, it was taken away. From that period until 1812, the Institution was destitute of the patronage of the State. In 1812, for the first time, by resolution of 1811, No. 38, the College received the sum of \$1,000, which has since been annually paid to it. This sum continued to be the only income derived from the State, until 1824, when the proceeds of a Lottery granted by the State, amounting to \$20,000, was invested in Bank Stock, from which there was an annual income of \$1,200. These sums amounting to \$2,200, are all the College received for its original annuity of \$4,466 66 $\frac{2}{3}$. It is to be noted that this Lottery was no charge upon the State Treasury, but was the creation of private individuals. In 1833, the State increased her annuity to \$3,000, on condition that the College should give gratuitous tuition and books to ten boys from the city of Annapolis, and this grant, with said condition is still made annually. In 1834, a subscription of \$10,550 was raised by private individuals, for the erection of a new College Hall. We cannot forbear adding a fact or two on this point. The original grant of 1805 was annulled by a breach of the public faith, against the remonstrances of friends of education, in the State, at the head of whom was William Pinkney, an alumnus of the College, who appeared at the bar of the House, as the advocate of the College. Be it said to the honor of the private subscribers, and the city of Annapolis (which donated the land on which the College stands,) that although the State violated her faith on which these liberal private grants had been made, no demand for any of their subscriptions has ever been preferred. In 1832, the Legislature required the Visitors and Governors, in accepting the annuity of \$3,000, to renounce all legal and equitable claims on the State. The Visitors and Governors conceived, however, that they have the strongest moral claim against the State, as may be seen by the following statement:

From 1806 to 1858, in the withholding, either in whole or