

Mr. Winder from the committee on crimes and punishments to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act concerning crimes and punishments, passed at November session, 1809, chapter 138, reported favorably thereon;

Read the second time by special order, passed and returned to the Senate.

Mr. Tuck from the same committee to whom was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to exempt from taxation the property of the Protestant Episcopal church in Calvert county, reported favorably thereon, with the following proposed amendment:

Between the words "and taxes" insert "county."

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Hammond submitted the following report:

Which was read and concurred in.

The joint committee appointed under resolution No. 41, of the session of 1832, in reference to the proceedings of the Visitors of St. John's College, beg leave to

REPORT:

That, in the discharge of the duty assigned them, they have with care and attention investigated and examined the conduct and proceedings of the College, since the last report made to the General Assembly, and have to regret that the number of students in this institution is so small. They, however, hope, that by a rigid enforcement of the rules of the institution, and of a strict and able system of instruction, the confidence of the public in this institution will be established, and its prosperity revived. We are happy to know that this ancient institution never possessed more efficient means for education than at present. The philosophical and chemical apparatus is complete and well selected, considerable additions having been made thereto since the last annual visit of the committee. A handsome collection of shells furnishes to the student a facility of prosecuting to advantage the study of conchology, and the museum of mineralogy and geology has been enriched with the valuable collections made by the State Geologist, Dr. Ducatel. The advantages thus afforded by the collection in mineralogy and geology, gives to students in those branches a facility not to be acquired elsewhere, especially in regard to the mineralogy of Maryland, and can hardly fail to promote essentially the interest of the College and State.

These improvements and additions, together with the general improved state of the institution, will greatly increase the claims which this time-honored college has already upon the support of the citizens of Maryland. For the improvement of the course of study in St. John's, during the past year the board has appropriated \$500 to purchase books for the College Library. No addition has been made to it in former years for the want of means. The committee understand that an order for a large and valuable sup-