

ulty, one of the Law Professors, the President of the Maryland Institute, the Governor, and Chief Justice of the State, and the General Superintendent of Common Schools, and should be clothed with only such general supervisory powers as will insure the harmonious working of the system, leaving the ordinary affairs of the several Institutions embraced in the system, to be managed as they now are. They should have the power to prescribe the course of Instruction to be pursued in the Colleges, Academies and High Schools, and perhaps have a veto power over the appointment of Professors in the Colleges, &c.

You will perceive that it is not proposed to interfere with the management of the affairs of any existing Institution, except so far as may be necessary to secure uniformity in the Course of Instruction in the Colleges, High Schools and Academies; and in regard to conferring Degrees, these should be conferred by the University at an Annual Commencement of all the Colleges, to be held in the City of Baltimore, upon the recommendations of the Faculties of the several Colleges. Besides, it is to be hoped that there will be no interference with appropriations to such Institutions as may be embraced in the system, and above all, that political differences and partizan feelings will be entirely overlooked and disregarded.

If this system is adopted by the State, I have high authority for saying that provision will be made by the Peabody Institute, for Courses of Lectures upon the *highest* branches of Science by the most eminent Professors in this and other countries, to which gratuitous admission will be given to those who have distinguished themselves in any of the Departments of the University.

I have thus given you hastily my views in relation to the most important subject likely to occupy the attention of the present Legislature, and submitted a *plan* which though imperfect itself, may lead to discussion, and the suggestion and adoption of a better one. My earnest desire is to see a *Complete Educational System* established, and shall be most happy to find that I have, in any degree, contributed to the accomplishment of such a purpose.

I shall be happy at any time to receive a visit from you, and those associated with you, and in subscribing myself.

Your ob't serv't,

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