

Also, a bill entitled, an act making certain acts felony,
Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on judicial proceedings.

The President laid before the Senate a petition from sundry citizens of Baltimore county, for the erection of another election district in said county,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Jones, Brown and Tidball.
Mr. Jones submitted the following report,

Which was read the first time.

The joint committee appointed under the provisions of the resolution passed at December session 1832, No. 41, to investigate and report to the General Assembly the proceedings of the Board of Visitors and Governors of St. John's college,

REPORT,

That no change of importance has occurred in the administration of the college since the last annual report to the Legislature. The institution is steadily advancing in its course of usefulness under the government of its very able President and the Professors, his associates. The number of Professors at this time engaged in the establishment is six, consisting of

The President, who is also a Professor of Moral Science.

A Professor of Ancient Languages,

A Professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering,

A Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology,

A Professor of Modern Languages, and

A Professor of English Literature.

The average number of students during the past year has been about one hundred, which shews a flattering increase over the average number for several years past.

There have been, at all times, at least ten students in the institution who receive instruction free of expense, under the provisions of the law which requires the Board of Trustees to educate that number. Provision is also made by the board to educate, in addition, one scholar from each county, under which, however, the committee regret to learn but few applications have been made.

At the late commencement, held on the 22nd February last, eight young gentlemen received diplomas, and the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon seven alumni of the college, the graduates of former years.

The committee also examined, with much satisfaction, the mineralogical and geological cabinets. The inspection of the geological department was especially interesting constituted as it is of specimens of the various ores and marls to be found within the borders of our own State, and which have been collected and arranged by the distinguished professor of that branch of science; they give evidence of sources of immense wealth, which cannot fail, when properly developed to conduce to the prosperity of the agricultural community.