

MEMORIAL.

Baltimore, January 21, 1833.

To the Senate and House of Representative of the state of Maryland:

The undersigned individuals composing the Medical Faculty of the University of Maryland, believing it to be the duty, as well as the interest of all enlightened legislators to promote by wise and wholesome enactments, and liberal encouragement, whatever is calculated to conduce to the happiness and prosperity of the people, feel assured that you, as the representatives of a rich, prosperous, and flourishing state, must feel a lively concern for every thing that can contribute to augment that prosperity, and increase the usefulness of the institution by which it has been, in part, consummated.

Amongst the means of national happiness, and national glory, a widely diffused and liberal system of education has been admitted, by the concurrent experience of all civilized governments, to be the most indispensable and extensively efficacious. "Knowledge is power;" and there can be no true greatness, where the mind is suffered to repose in ignorance, insensible alike to the fine impulses of virtue, and every incentive to great and ennobling actions. Man indeed, is made up of wild and conflicting passions, which, unless tempered and restrained by those principles of virtue and morality, which can alone be instilled into him by a liberal cultivation and refinement of his understanding, will be constantly leading him into the greatest excesses, and he will go on, wantoning in vice and immorality, breaking up all the rational bonds of society, subverting all the great and ennobling attributes of human nature, and violating every principle that can adorn and dignify, and exalt a rational being. He knows no sentiments but those which are the offspring of his own savage ignorance; he experiences no impulses but those that emanate from his mean and grovelling passions—acknowledges no duties