

## MEMORIAL.

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*To the Honourable the General Assembly of Maryland:*

YOUR MEMORIALISTS RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT—That against repeated attempts made in the Legislature to withdraw from the Institution of which they are the Visitors, the funds which had been granted to it by the State, your Memorialists remonstrated, and with success, until the session of 1805, when the General Assembly passed a law, (1805, ch. 85,) to deprive them of those funds.—By that law it was directed that the funds, which were the property of this College, should remain in the treasury subject to the appropriation of the Legislature to literary purposes, and for disseminating learning in the several counties of the state, and not to other or different purposes.

Your Memorialists, since the enactment of said law, have often applied for a restoration of their funds, and have always denied the power of the General Assembly to revoke the grant, or in any respect to alter the charter of the College without their consent.

These applications and remonstrances have, it is true, been heretofore unavailing; but your Memorialists are persuaded that the rejection of their demands has proceeded from a belief that the law, by which the funds were withdrawn, was a mere ordinary act of legislation, and one, about the repeal of which the general assembly were at perfect liberty to consult their own discretion. Far be it from your Memorialists to ascribe improper or unworthy motives to those who entertained this belief:—That belief your Memorialists respectfully suggest, must now be removed by reference to an adjudication, which has been made by the most exalted tribunal in the nation, a tribunal which we all revere, and