

petual force of the grant of the annuity of 1784, by a reference of that subject to the judicial tribunals of the state, they respectfully ask, that a law may be passed submitting that question to the Court of Appeals. And should the decision of that court be in favour of the right of your Memorialists, that then the sum of \$2,000 per annum shall be annually paid the college. And as by such a decision, the responsibility of the state to the whole extent of the £1750 would be conclusively established, your memorialists would further ask, if this course should be adopted, that that entire sum shall be restored to them whenever the state's claim against the general government for interest shall be finally established and settled.

In presenting this alternative, however, your Memorialists are rather guarding against possible objections, than expressing a wish for its adoption, or intimating an apprehension that the legislature will prefer giving that direction to their application. They are, on the contrary, thoroughly convinced, that their best reliance is on the high sense of justice of the body they appeal to, and they are perfectly willing to risk the fate of their appeal upon that alone, without inviting the discussion in our Courts of Justice of subjects which might be supposed to interfere with the exercise of salutary legislative authority. The suggestion, that your Memorialists were willing to stake their claim upon such an issue, is merely intended to impress on your honourable body the entire confidence which those who address you feel that their application is capable of standing any test to which it may be subjected.