

dual increase of the library is so full and satisfactory as to require no additional remark from the committee.

The committee feel it a duty here however, to express in the strongest terms, their approbation of the zeal, fidelity, and ability, with which the Librarian has discharged the various duties imposed on him. To his vigilant care, in putting in force the various legislative enactments on this subject, the State is indebted for an institution of which she may well be proud.

From the report of the Librarian and information derived from other sources, your committee is satisfied that various manuscripts, Executive and Legislative proceedings and other valuable papers, and documents relative to the settlement and early history of this State; are now lying in an unarranged and ruinous state in the different public buildings in this city, and deeming it very desirable that they should be rescued, and placed in security and in an accessible situation, to effect this purpose they present to the Legislature resolutions on the subject which accompany this report.

Believing also that some legislative action will be required to enable them to comply with their proffer of a complete set of the Judicial Reports of the State, to the British Government, they submit a Resolution to accomplish that object also.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. CLAUDE, Chairman

of the joint committee, on the part of the Senate.

G. WELLS, Chairman

of the joint committee on the part of the House of Delegates.

Whereas, it is believed that there are many valuable and important papers and documents, properly belonging to the Executive and other departments, which have been deposited, or may now be found in various parts of the public buildings in an unarranged and useless state and subject to be lost or destroyed, and whereas the rescue, arrangement and preser-