

iate to the earliest discoveries and settlements made in Maryland.

A list of these books relating to Maryland, and appended to this report, marked A, I now present to your committee, and respectfully suggest the idea of obtaining legislative authority for their procurement.

I doubt not that your committee are fully impressed with a sense of the importance of collecting and transmitting to posterity the best and fullest means of investigating and recording the history of our State, and that they would not willingly suffer such valuable Historical Documents to pass beyond their reach.

Forming, as these volumes do, rich material for the future Historian of Maryland, may I venture to indulge the hope that proper measures will be adopted to secure them to the State.

There has been no Catalogue printed since 1833. The books of the library have increased several thousand volumes since that time. A complete Catalogue appears to be necessary to form a correct estimate of the value of the library, and of the character of the works it contains. If authority be granted for that purpose I will prepare a new Catalogue and have it ready for use, by the meeting of the next General Assembly.

Two hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the Convention of the Province of Maryland, held at Annapolis in 1774, 1775 and 1776," have been received under resolution No. 83, passed at December session 1833.

It is respectfully suggested that two hundred copies of this work be distributed to the public authorities in the several counties, that the citizens of our State may have more ready access to this valuable and interesting record of the proceedings of their patriotic and worthy sires, than they can have it retained on the shelves of your library.

The attention of your committee is respectfully solicited to the looseness of the windows and open condition of the library floor, in consequence of which cold currents of air are unavoidably admitted, and at times to such a degree as to render the furnace inefficient to a proper heating of the room, so very essential to the convenience and comfort of the members of the legislature, whose duties compel them to resort to this department.

The furnace fitted up for the library is of ample power to make and keep at all times the atmosphere of the room, not only comfortable but delightfully pleasant, provided the defects above alluded to be remedied.