

The committee of grievances and courts of justice to whom was referred an 'order to enquire into the expediency of dispensing with the offices of judge of the land office, and examiner-general for the eastern shore,' beg leave to report—

That in the opinion of your committee, the said offices should not be dispensed with entirely. Although such is the disproportion between the salaries of said offices, and the business done in them, that they have become almost sinecures.

The express provisions of the constitution of Maryland, prevent in the opinion of your committee, a decrease at this time of the salary of the judge of the land office, but as this objection does not operate in reference to the office of the examiner-general of the eastern shore, your committee are of opinion that a bill ought to pass for the decrease of his salary; they therefore beg leave to report the following bill.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which was read.

And a bill, entitled, An act to reduce the salary of the examiner-general of the eastern shore.

Mr. Maxcy delivers the following report:

The joint committee, appointed by the general assembly to proceed to Baltimore and examine into the state and condition of the University of Maryland, to ascertain whether any alterations in the charter are necessary, and if so, whether the Regents of the University are willing to assent to the same, and to report the information which may be collected to the general assembly, beg leave to submit the following report:— That in pursuance of their instructions, your committee forthwith proceeded to Baltimore, and on the day of their arrival addressed a letter to the Provost of the University, informing him of the arrival of your committee, and requesting him to take such steps, to carry into effect the intentions of the legislature, as he should deem expedient; and in a subsequent letter, after being informed that a meeting of the Regents had been called, your committee stated fully the objects with which they were charged, the original drafts of which letters, marked exhibit No. 1 and No. 2, together with others subsequently addressed to the Deans of the Faculties, and to the Provost, and their answers marked exhibit No. 3, 4 and 5, accompany and form a part of this report. On Friday your committee were informed by the Provost, that in pursuance of his summons, a meeting of the Regents had been held the evening before, at which a committee of five had been appointed to prepare and lay before your committee, statements containing full information in answer to the several letters of your committee, and that he expected they would be prepared to report on Saturday. On that day, however, your committee were informed, that the variety of papers and accounts, which it was necessary to examine, in order to complete the full statement which they were desirous of making, would prevent their being able to report until the Monday following.

On that day accordingly, your committee received a report from the committee of the Regents, marked exhibit No. 6, and also reports from the Deans of the several faculties of divinity, physic, arts and sciences,