

We have thus endeavored to show that the State has, since the year 1826, been (however innocent the motive originally) an intruder on the domain of these memorialists—on their franchise and estate now judicially shielded, and entrenched in the highest constitutional sanctions. And we have shown that no comprehensive terms of surrender, addressed to the Trustees as the agents of the State, will carry to the possession of the Regents any property beyond their demonstrable right.

A claim is made for restitution to a violated possession; *and it is imperative.* It is not a matter of grace—not a point of expediency—nor a question whether the State may be passive. It is a claim on her justice, to which she cannot honorably render a deferred, nor a temporizing response—and upon which, true to her dignity, she must be prompt and active in her reparation.

To accomplish these just ends, the undersigned recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

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