

as will more fully appear by reference to the "Entry Book" of the Library.

The annual laws from a majority of the several States have been received, as usual; also the revised statutes from the States of Indiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Connecticut and Michigan, and from the Territory of Wisconsin; as well as the Laws of the United States and Congressional Documents.

Under the several resolutions of the General Assembly, passed at December session 1837, I have continued to distribute Bozman's and McMahon's histories of Maryland, and the proceedings of the conventions of Maryland, to the incorporated academies of the State, and to the other public institutions of this, and other States of the Union.

I have also forwarded two copies of Dorsey's Testamentary Laws of Maryland, to each county in the State, as directed by resolution No. 2, passed at December Session 1838.

I have to acknowledge on behalf of the Library, several presents of books, within the last year, from John P. Kennedy, John I. Donaldson, Christian Keener, Esquires, Professor David Hoffman, William Cost Johnson, Esq. Doctor Patrick McCauley, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Professor J. T. Duca-tel, Henry Hobbs, John M. Wise, Francis S. Key, J. Mason Campbell and William Brogden, Esquires.

The Library has been augmented the past year from the above mentioned resources by the receipt of five hundred and sixty volumes; and now numbers more than twelve thousand volumes upon its shelves.

In conclusion I would respectfully state to your committee, that under resolution No. 52, passed at December session 1839, the respective printers were directed "to furnish the State Library with five copies of all such bills, resolutions and other public documents, as he or they may be required to print by either branch of the Legislature." Many, and some of the most important documents of last session, were by some means neglected to be supplied to the Library—causing the sets of documents bound for the use of the Legislature to be incomplete.

Previous to, and since the meeting of the Legislature, documents have been called for, which I have not been able to furnish. I would respectfully ask a remedy of this evil; and I would further state that five copies of the public documents are totally inadequate to the demand for them. I think, at least fifteen complete copies should be ordered to the Library, and bound for the use of the Legislature.

All which is respectfully submitted,
 DAVID RIDGELY, Librarian.