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The Joint Committee on the State Library ask leave to make the following report:

That they have examined the annual account of the Librarian and have found the same to be strictly correct.

It affords your committee great pleasure in being enabled to state, that under the judicious and careful management of the Librarian, its contents have been during the past year greatly enriched and augmented. The report of the Librarian accompanying this (and which your committee beg leave to adopt as part of their report) is so full of information on this head as to leave them but little to add.

They cannot, however, close without calling the attention of the Legislature to the very important suggestions made in a letter from M. Alexandre Vattemare to his late Excellency Governor Grason, and which at his request was placed by the Librarian before your committee. That letter suggests, that the joint committee on the Library should adopt the same "*Resolves*" that were passed by the 26th Congress of the United States, 1st session, No. 586, which provides for an exchange of the publications of that body with foreign countries.

The name of Alexandre Vattemare must ever be precious alike to science and civilization. After having visited every part of Europe, and opened a communication with the extremity of India, with Persia, Turkey and Greece, and established a mutual exchange of the works of nature, science and art—after having received the most flattering commendations from every quarter of the Globe, from Emperors, Kings, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and the Clergy of all denominations, and from absolute and representative governments,—all manifesting their solicitude for his success—at the suggestions of Lafayette, Governor Cass and other distinguished Americans, he visited the United States to offer to us the advantages of this, to use the words of the celebrated Lamartine, "*great locomotive of universal civilization.*"

Your committee cannot for a moment believe, that the Legislature of Maryland will refuse to avail herself of the great advan-