

In obedience to Resolution No. 24, passed at the last session of the General Assembly, I have transmitted one set of Dorsey's Laws of Maryland to the several public officers, colleges, academies, &c., therein designated; amounting in all to three hundred and twenty-six sets, or nine hundred and seventy-eight volumes.

Under the same resolution I caused the Library furnace to be repaired, and a new carpet to be laid upon its floor. A statement of the expenditure of which will be laid before your committee.

As authorised by Resolution No. 31, I prepared and had printed five hundred copies of a compilation of the Election Laws now in force in this State; and transmitted the requisite number of copies to the clerks of the several counties in time to be used by the judges at the October election. The remaining copies are in the library and subject to the future disposal of the legislature.

Under the requisition of Resolution No. 37, I forwarded to *The New York Historical Society* one copy of each of the surplus works belonging to the Library, amounting to fifty-three volumes.

In virtue of Resolution No. 28, passed at Dec. sess. 1838, I have noted in each Index volume of Dorsey's Compilation of the Laws of Maryland, under the appropriate title and page, each and every alteration and amendment made in the public and local laws passed at the December session 1840, and at the extra session held in March 1841. To the execution of this duty, as well as that of the compilation of the election laws, the attention of your committee is respectfully invited.

In the month of May last His Excellency Governor Grason placed in my hands a letter addressed to him by Alexandre Vattemare, Esquire, upon the subject of international exchanges, with a request that I would place it, with the accompanying documents, before your committee.

I perform this agreeable duty with the greatest pleasure, feeling assured that the committee will be happy in thus having it in their power to call the attention of our State legislature to the system of exchanges proposed by Mr. Vattemare; and that their generous efforts will be given to bring about a result so desirable and advantageous to their Library.

Mr. Vattemare, in his letter to his Excellency the Governor, requests the examination by your committee of the report made by the Library Committee of the State of Maine, to the Legislature of that State; and also to the action of Congress upon the same subject at the 1st session of the 26th Congress. *Vide* Report No. 586.

It is well known to your committee that Mr. Vattemare was the first to conceive the noble and enlightened plan of diffu-