

## MEMORIAL.

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*To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland :*

THE petition of the undersigned respectfully represents to your honorable body, that previous to the adoption of the New Constitution, viz., in the year 1846, he applied to the Legislature of Maryland, in relation to a compilation and codification of the laws of the State, and procured from the Legislature at that time certain books, and, also, a promise from the State to pay your petitioner for his work, when completed, on certain conditions specified in resolution No. 45, of December session of 1846. ●

Your petitionur further represents, that on the sixteenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, your petitioner having completed his work, presented it to the Legislature then in session, that his work was referred by said Legislature to the Committee on the Judiciary, which committee, after examining said work, reported thereon to the House on the tenth day of May, in the year 1852, approving said work and recommending the purchase thereof by the State.

Your petitioner, also, further represents that his work was placed in the State Library for general inspection and examination and was used by the members of the Legislature, and by the chairmen of the different committees, as a correct work of reference, and a guide in compiling the several acts passed for carrying out the provisions of the New Constitution, not only during the session of 1852, but also at the sessions of 1853 and 1854, and your petitioner further represents that during the time his work was thus in the hands of the Legislature, and used by the members thereof, a portion of said work containing several important titlings was lost, which loss is to your petitioner irre-