

10 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782.

The very numerous and liberal subscriptions which have been obtained towards founding and supporting this college, in the different counties to which our applications were directed, are a proof of the zeal of the subscribers for the advancement of knowledge, virtue, and public spirit. By that zeal, the visitors of Kent county school have been enabled to give existence to a corporation for the advancement of literature in less than *five* months, for which they were allowed *five* years by the indulgence of law. We trust, and are assured, that such exertions of individuals for the public emolument, do not only *merit*, but will *receive*, the most public approbation, as well as future protection and encouragement, of the legislature.

Together with the *declaration of trust*, and list of subscribers, we beg leave to present to the *general assembly*, copies of a letter from the visitors of Kent county school to his Excellency the illustrious *commander in chief* of our armies, on the subject of this college, and of the answer which they had the honour to receive from his Excellency. The exalted and patriotic sentiments which it contains, can only be truly conveyed to the public by the letter itself.

We would further humbly *pray* the general assembly, *that* the several papers and subscription lists, herewith presented, may be preserved among their journals and printed with the same; that the names of the first founders, benefactors, and patrons, of this seminary, may remain on perpetual record. The names of future benefactors may be reported and recorded on a future day.

WILLIAM SMITH,
PERE. LETHRBURY.

Nov. 23, 1782.

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

WE the subscribers, "visitors and governors of Washington college, in the state of Maryland," beg leave to *declare*, that agreeable to the act whereby we are incorporated, entitled, An act for founding a college at Chester-town, there are ten visitors and governors, duly chosen, in different counties of this shore, in addition to the seven visitors of Kent county school, upon subscriptions of five hundred pounds each, and that "we are willing, and desirous, to take upon us and discharge the trust of visitors and governors of the said college; and that an estate or sum and sums not less than five thousand pounds current money (including the estate of Kent county school) is so secured to be paid to us, that we will answer for the value thereof and the application of the same, towards founding, endowing, and supporting, the said college, according to our best judgment, and the tenor of the said act," which is our CHARTER. And we further *declare*, that a sum of money exceeding five thousand pounds (exclusive of the estate of Kent county school) and amounting to five thousand nine hundred and ninety-two pounds fourteen shillings and five-pence, is subscribed towards the said college, as will appear by the subscription lists hereunto annexed, and that we will use our best endeavours, and have no doubt to obtain a due collection of the whole of the said subscriptions, and will apply the same (as far as obtained) faithfully, towards founding, endowing, and supporting, the said college, and all future benefactions, subscriptions, and contributions, that may come into our management and power.

This we *declare* under our hands, this 15th of October, in the year 1782; having first taken "the oaths of fidelity and support to this state," according to the direction of our said *charter of incorporation*.

WILLIAM SMITH, President.
J. NICHOLSON,
JOHN SCOTT,
W. BORDLEY,
PERE. LETHRBURY,
BEN. CHAMBERS,
JOHN PAGE,
ROBERT GOLDSBOROUGH,
PETER CHAILLE,
W. PERRY,
JAMES LLOYD,
JOSHUA SENEY,
JAMES ANDERSON,
THO. SMYTH, jun.
SAMUEL KEENE,
WILLIAM PACA,
WILLIAM THOMSON.

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