

son, jun. Baltimore. Pinkney, Annapolis. Quynn, do. Ray, sen. Anne-Arundel. Ray, jun. do. Richardson, Eastern shore. Ridgely, Annapolis. Rogers, 3d. Prince-George's. Sanders, sen. Anne-Arundel. Sanders, jun. do. Seney, Annapolis, or Eastern shore. Sterett, jun. Baltimore. Shaw, Annapolis. Steuart, 3d. Anne-Arundel. Steuart, 4th. do. Steuart, 5th. do. Thomas, 6th. Annapolis. Usher, Baltimore. Van-horn, Prince-George's. Washington, sen. Virginia. Washington, jun. do. Williams, Annapolis. Wilkins, jun. do. Wells, Annapolis. Welsh, sen. do. Welsh, jun. do. Wyatt, Wilmington. 56.

Of these students, thirty-seven are engaged in learning latin—Of the remaining nineteen, who are learning English, two have come from Virginia, three from Baltimore, one from Harford, one from Prince-George's, two from the Eastern shore.

French master. The duty of this master, in the beginning, was, as appears from the resolve passed on the 8th of February, 1791, "That it be the duty of the French master to teach at certain college hours, at discretion of the principal, and with the consent of their guardians, the scholars of the three first classes in the school of languages, and the students under the immediate direction of the principal and vice-principal."—But on the 5th of July, 1792, was resolved farther, "That any number of students, not exceeding six, may be admitted into St. John's college for the purpose of learning French only, and that the tuition money for every such student be £. 8 10 0 per annum, to be paid quarterly."

The object of the last resolve appears, on the face of it, to be the accommodation of those, not engaged in the regular course, who might wish to learn the French language. But, strange as it may appear, the number of students of that description has never at one time amounted to the limitation, and at present the college has not one of that description, although the master is a native of France, a man of letters, and has hitherto discharged his duty to the satisfaction of every person concerned.

By another resolve, each *regular* student learning French pays £. 3 0 0 in addition to the £. 5 10 0 before paid. The number at this time learning French is 35, 22 of whom belong to the philosophy schools, 9 to the school of languages, and 4 have been admitted from the English and grammar school—34 of these are charged the extraordinary £. 3 0 0 each, which makes £. 102 0 0 for all.

It may here be proper to remark, that although the tuition money is ordered to be paid quarterly, and although the declared penalty for not paying within three months from the quarter day, without some excuse satisfactory to the principal, is expulsion, it is found impracticable to obtain a punctual and full collection.

The collector's duty being to present a bill to each scholar at the end of every quarter, to settle every quarter with the treasurer, and to produce accounts to the trustees at every quarterly meeting, his commission could not be less than 5 per cent. which, on £. 740 0 0, as before mentioned, amounts to £. 37 0 0. Mr. Owen, master of writing and arithmetic, is the present collector of the tuition money.

Commencements. As the college was opened and dedicated in November, 1789, and as the course in the philosophy schools requires three entire years, and as no person can be admitted to a degree without going through a regular course, and evincing his qualifications at a private and a public examination, it followed that a commencement could not, in the nature of things, take place before November, 1792.

But as the principal and vice-principal were not appointed until a considerable time after the dedication, it may be considered as an extraordinary event, that students, after going through that regular course, should have graduated so early as November, 1793.

The first commencement in St. John's college was held at that period; but two students only, viz. Mr. John A. Carr, of Prince-George's county, and Mr. Charles Alexander, of Virginia, were admitted to the degree of bachelor of arts. These two young gentlemen, out of a numerous class of twelve, persevered to the end, their associates having quitted them in the last year of the course. It is indeed too common, either for students to want perseverance, or for their parents to suppose less than a complete course to be sufficient.

On the 11th day of the last month was held the second commencement in St. John's college, when the degree aforesaid was conferred on Mr. Thomas Chase, of Baltimore, Mr. John Bowie Duckett, of Prince-George's, Mr. Richard Harwood, of Annapolis, Mr. John Carlisle Herbert, of Alexandria, and Mr. John Jacob Tschudy.

Subscriptions. The trustees here beg leave to refer to a statement made out by their treasurer and collector. They regret that it does not contain all the information required. It was impracticable to give the residence of every subscriber at the time of his subscription, but a great number of the subscribers are probably as well known to your honours as to the trustees.

For the fuller information of the senate, if required, the trustees are ready to produce their journal, or any other book or paper relative to the execution of their trust. They are confident, that nothing in the disposal of the annual donation can furnish even a plausible pretext for taking it away; and they submit the cause of the college, with a full reliance on the justice, wisdom and magnanimity of the senate.

By order of the visitors and governors of St. John's college,

December 11, 1794.

NICHOLAS CARROLL, President.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Harford county, with its amendments, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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