

The joint committee appointed by the General Assembly to proceed to Baltimore, and examine into the state and condition of the University of Maryland, to ascertain whether any alterations in the charter are necessary, and if so, whether the regents of the university are willing to assent to the same, and to report the information which may be collected to the general assembly; beg leave to submit the following report:—

That in pursuance of their instructions, your committee forthwith proceeded to Baltimore, and on the day of their arrival, addressed a letter to the provost of the university, informing him of the arrival of your committee, and requesting him to take such steps to carry into effect the intentions of the legislature, as he should deem expedient; and in a subsequent letter, after being informed that a meeting of the regents had been called, your committee stated fully the object with which they were charged, the original drafts of which letters marked exhibit No. 1 and No. 2; together with others subsequently addressed to the deans of the faculties, and to the provost, and their answers, marked exhibit No. 3, 4 and 5; accompanying and form a part of this report. On Friday, your committee were informed by the provost, that in pursuance of his summons, a meeting of the regents had been held the evening before, at which a committee of five had been appointed to prepare and lay before your committee, statements containing full information in answer to the several letters of your committee, and that he expected they would be prepared to report on Saturday. On that day, however, your committee were informed that the variety of papers and accounts which it was necessary to examine, in order to complete the full statement which they were desirous of making, would prevent their being able to report until the Monday following.

On that day accordingly, your committee received a report from the committee of the regents, marked exhibit No. 6, and also reports from the deans of the several faculties of divinity, physic, arts and sciences, and of law, marked A, B, C, and D, all which accompany and form a part of this report.

From the report of the committee of regents, it appears that in pursuance of the act of 1812, the medical college previously incorporated, annexed to themselves, the several faculties of law, divinity, and of the arts and sciences, and thereby constituted the University of Maryland.

That each of the three faculties of physic, divinity and law, has seven members by the charter of incorporation; that the charter is not explicit as to the number of which the faculty of arts and sciences is to consist, but the actual number now belonging to it is six.