

bill, further than to say, that by lotteries drawn by authority of the state, at different times, a very large sum of money appears to have been raised for the University—that a very considerable loan also has been made by the state, for the promotion or attainment of the object in view in its establishment—that in 1825, a joint committee of the two houses proceeded to Baltimore, charged with the examination of the affairs of the institution. The committee, as appears from the report made to the legislature, performed this duty, and after a conference with the medical professors, and an examination of the subject from information then obtained, came to the conclusion, that if the sum of thirty-eight hundred dollars were paid to the medical professors, they would be fully paid for all disbursements alleged to have been made by them; and that on such payment being made, the said professors should execute a deed conveying the whole property to the state. The committee reported to that effect, and a bill was then passed in accordance with that report. To the justice or the liberality of this report, or the provisions of the act then passed, your committee see no proper grounds of objection. It appears however, that in 1827, further sums were claimed on account of alleged disbursements by the professors, on the ground of errors asserted to have occurred in the former examination. The state was then induced to re-open this subject, and passed an act, by which the trustees were authorised to cause a re-examination of the accounts of the professors of the faculty of physic to be made, in order to ascertain, whether the amount of money disbursed by them, exceeded the amount of receipts from grants made by the state to the use of the University; and if any excess appeared, to pay the same, provided the amount did not exceed a large judgment rendered against a portion of the professors in favour of the Bank of Baltimore. Under this act, a committee of the trustees was appointed to make the examination—a report was made accordingly, which report was rejected by the board of trustees.

The gentlemen who made this examination and report, have been before your committee, and stated the circumstances attending the examination, and the nature of the proofs exhibited to them. Your committee have seen no reason to question the correctness of the decision of the board of trustees, or to impugn its justice—much less have they seen reason to sanction in any manner the claim of the professors, which at present amounts to between sixteen and seventeen thousand dollars.

From the whole view of the subject, in relation to which it