

ledge, have been mainly acquired by sales and barter of surplus works, which were comparatively of little use to the Library, whilst they have largely contributed to the essential information of the public, from the effect of their diffusion among the people is the more gratifying and satisfactory.

The Committee would further suggest that, with the continued patronage of the legislature, in further aid of the law department, as required by the courts of appeal and chancery, it will soon equal, if not surpass any similar collection of public books in the United States, and for that purpose a limited appropriation is respectfully recommended.

It is justly due to the Librarian to say that he has discharged the laborious duties of his office, to the entire satisfaction of the joint committee, and when they have regarded the strict attention and persevering industry necessary to the faithful performance of those duties, together with the peculiar qualifications and fitness of that officer, in comparison with the small amount of his compensation, the committee conceive that a moderate increase of his salary, so as to make it sufficient for the economical support of his family, would be equally just and expedient; and a resolution for that purpose is accordingly herewith reported, all which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the State Library, and that his Excellency the Governor is hereby authorised to draw upon the Treasury of the Western Shore, for the whole or any part thereof, from time to time, in payment for such books as may be purchased by order of the joint committee on that subject, when the same shall have been delivered and certified by the Librarian.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be, and he hereby is authorised and directed to pay to the State Librarian annually, in addition to his present salary, the sum of three hundred dollars in quarterly payments.

The joint committee on the State Library, to which was referred so much of the executive communication as relates to an Index to the Laws by Gideon Pearce, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the governor and council be authorised and required to contract for the printing, on good paper, of two hundred copies of the said index, together with the addition of an index to the