

it gives them great pleasure to bear testimony to their proficiency in these languages. They were very prompt in translating them into our vernacular tongue, and in analyzing and reducing them into their elementary parts. In the projection of Maps, the undersigned cannot bestow too much praise on the neatness and accuracy with which they were executed, and the rapid progress which has been made by the pupils of the third room in this branch of the Graphic Art. In a word, in the third room, which was the only one in which an examination of the scholars took place in the presence of the undersigned, the progress of the pupils reflects great credit as well as on themselves, as on the Rev. Tutor who is at the head of this department. They appear not to have been superficially taught, but to have acquired a full and thorough knowledge of one lesson before they were permitted to proceed to another. Besides this, the undersigned were gratified to observe their extreme cheerfulness, and the friendly, affectionate and courteous intercourse between them and the Superior of the Institution. There was also an independance and fearlessness in their bearing which excited an interest in their favour, and which enabled them without the least embarrassment to answer the most difficult questions. From the favorable specimen exhibited in the above department, there is little doubt that the others have made equal progress in the branches therein taught. This Institution is accessable to all, without respect to persons, and may emphatically be termed a *Free School*: the only charge is two dollars to each scholar for fuel, which is a costly article, and the sum exacted is not more than sufficient to defray this necessary expense.

The undersigned beg leave further to report, that the resolution to which they have above referred exacts of St. John's Literary Institution a compliance in all respects with an act of Assembly passed at December session 1823, chapter 141. This act requires "that each school, academy or college that receives a donation in money from the state shall afford tuition in all the branches of learning taught in such school, academy or college, and shall furnish the necessary school books, free of all charge to at least one poor child for every hundred