

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1784. 15

May, respecting a robbery—and from John Peirce, Esq; p ymaster-general, of the 6th of November—severally endorsed; “ By the senate, November 29, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“ By order,

J. DORSEY, clk ”

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the visitors and governors of Washington college, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and thereupon come to the following resolutions:

1. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the principles of religious and civil liberty, public and private virtue, the true and solid basis of a free republic, can best be taught and disseminated by public institutions for the education of youth, under the care and patronage of the state, and therefore that the college at Chester merits, and ought to receive, the protection, encouragement, and assistance, of the public, as far as its present circumstances will permit.

2. That it is the opinion of the committee, that a permanent fund ought to be established by law for the payment of salaries to the principal, professors, and tutors, proper and necessary for the conduct of the said college, in addition to the revenues of the college, arising from rents and tuition money; and that not less than twelve hundred and fifty pounds current money will be annually necessary for that purpose.

3. That it is the opinion of the committee, that the tax on marriage and ordinary licences hereafter received on the eastern shore, be appropriated and paid to the treasurer of the eastern shore, subject to the order of the visitors and governors of Washington college, for the use thereof, and applied to the payment of salaries to the principal, professors, and tutors, of the said college.

4. It is the opinion of the committee, that all retailers of spirituous liquors on the eastern shore, and all pedlars, be obliged to obtain annual licence from the county courts, and that each retailer pay the sum of three pounds current money, and each pedlar the sum of six pounds like money, for each licence; and that every person keeping a booth at any fair or race be obliged to obtain licence for selling liquor, and pay for such licence three pounds like money, and that the monies arising therefrom be collected by the sheriff or other collector of the public taxes in the county where the licence is granted, and paid to the treasurer of the eastern shore, subject to the order of the visitors and governors of the college, for the use thereof, as above mentioned.

5. That it is the opinion of the committee, that all fines and forfeitures for offences (except for treason) and forfeited recognizances, hereafter received on the eastern shore, be paid to the treasurer of the eastern shore, subject to the order of the visitors and governors of Washington college, for the use thereof, and applied as above.

6. That it is the opinion of the committee, that the visitors and governors of the said college lay before the general assembly, at its annual meeting in November, or oftener if required, an account in writing of all monies by them received in virtue of the above donations, and of the salaries paid, and to whom, and that the surplus, if any remain in the public treasury, be subject to the disposition of the general assembly.

The committee beg leave to lay before the house the following estimate of the annual expence for salaries to the principal, professors, and tutors, of the said college.

ESTIMATE for WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

Masters necessary, supposing the students and scholars to be at all times, as at present, from about 150 to 200.

1. A principal, who ought to be a man of long experience in teaching and universal learning, capable not only to superintend and direct the education of youth in all the different branches of liberal instruction, but likewise to take a part in the lectures upon the higher branches of philosophy, composition, &c.

£. 500 0 0

For the grammar school.

2. A professor of languages,

300 0 0

3 and 4. Two able tutors or assistants, at £. 125 each,

250 0 0

For the philosophy schools, &c.

5. A professor of mathematics and natural philosophy,

300 0 0

6. A professor of higher classics, logic, rhetoric, and moral philosophy,

300 0 0

N. B. Though two professors only are allotted to these branches in Washington college at present, and may, with diligence, discharge the duties of them, with such assistance as they may derive from the principal, yet in many colleges they are allotted or portioned out among at least four professors.

7. A professor of law, history, and jurisprudence,

300 0 0

For the lower schools, viz. to teach English grammatically, together with writing, merchants accounts, the practical branches of mathematics, necessary for surveying, navigation, &c. for the benefit of such youth as are not designed to learn Latin or other parts of collegiate education, being schools absolutely necessary in every American seminary.

Carried over, £. 1950 0 0

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