

REPORT

OF THE

REVISORS APPOINTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR GRASON.

ANNAPOLIS, *February 10, 1840.*

To His Excellency,

WILLIAM GRASON, *Governor :*

Sir,—We have, in the performance of the duty assigned to us, by your Excellency, under a resolution of the Legislature, carefully revised and examined the compilation of the Laws of this State made by the Honourable Clement Dorsey, and *highly* 'approve of the work.'

We would also add, that this compilation of our Acts of Assembly, from its condensed form and the convenience of reference, furnished by the valuable notes of the compiler, is the most useful and convenient book of statute law hitherto presented to the people of Maryland. At this time such a book is particularly useful to students of law, and all others who desire a knowledge of our statutes.

Before this compilation, our Acts of Assembly were only to be found in the compilations of Kilty, Harris, Kilty and Watkins, and the annual volume, which has been printed since 1818, forming a mass of about twenty volumes. To trace the legislation, on any subject, through this pile of volumes, was not only a work of appalling labour, but the scarcity and cost of the books, rendered it almost impracticable to obtain them. Now, at comparatively trifling cost, any one can have the State Laws, so reduced in magnitude, as with the aid of the notes to render an examination of any subject easy and convenient.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

ALEX. C. MAGRUDER,

OTHO SCOTT.