

## MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable,

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

The Memorial of the Visitor's and Governors of St. John's College, respectfully represents that by virtue of their charter, the Act of 1784, ch. 37, many of its citizens entered into a contract with this State, by which they paid into the State Treasury large sums of money, amounting to about thirty-two thousand dollars to found St. John's College, the Institution over which they preside, in consideration that the State granted that Charter and an annuity of seventeen hundred and fifty pounds to carry on this College forever, and also imposed certain taxes, the proceeds of which were appropriated "*to remain in the hands off the State Treasurer, subject to the order of your Memorialists for the payment of this annuity.*"

That accordingly St. John's College was founded and established by the payment of this sum of thirty-two thousand dollars, and the taxes aforesaid were levied and paid into the State Treasury and there remained subject to the order of your Memorialists for carrying on this College until under the Act of 1805, ch. 85, professing to repeal the 19th section of the Charter which granted this annuity, the Treasurer refused longer to pay the same.

That since that time this annuity has been withheld by the Treasurer except certain parts thereof, which future Acts of Assembly directed to be paid, and that the whole of the said annuity, and large sums for the arrearages thereof, are still due and payable to your memorialists, although there are remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the proceeds of the said taxes in legal contemplation appropriated to the payment of this annuity and arrearages sums of money more than sufficient for that purpose.

Your Memorialists further state that by Resolution No. 4, of the last session of the General Assembly certain questions in relation to the rights of your Memorialists in the premises,