

TO THE

HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE.

The Memorial of the Board of Trustees of the College of
Wilmington in the State of Delaware,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

THAT the Trustees, having been earnestly desirous of carrying into effect the Act of Incorporation of the College, have been hitherto engaged in redeeming the Corporate property from the heavy debts to which it was subject, and repairing the buildings which were in a ruinous state.

THEY have now the satisfaction of stating that they have completed the necessary repairs, and paid all the debts, except about 1000 Dolls. incurred for recent repairs, whereby the College is now in the possession of property of the value of 8 or 10,000 Dollars.

THIS fund being too limited, to enable them to establish a College upon such a plan as will ensure it success, and accomplish the beneficial objects intended; and the Trustees being confident that such a College could be established at Wilmington, if it had adequate funds; now present themselves before the Legislature, asking for aid to accomplish this long neglected, but most desirable end. They ask nothing for themselves, but great trouble and high responsibility; but for the prosperity and honour of the State, both of which depend on the education of its youth, they solicit its legitimate Guardians to give this College their fostering aid. The want of a College in some healthy and convenient place, has so long been deplored, not only by the Citizens of this State, but of the whole Peninsula, that it seems wonderful that it has been so long delayed, and is, perhaps ascribable, only to the want of an effort to establish one upon a plan extensive enough to embrace the usual course of Collegiate education. The public eye has uniformly fixed upon Wilmington as the seite for such a College. The healthfulness and beauty of the situation; the well known morality and good order which characterize the place; the abundant supply of its markets with the best provisions, and above all, its contiguity to the Peninsula and the Southern States, which now send their youth to Colleges to the Northward, give the plainest assurances that a College equally well conducted, could not fail of success.

UNDER these impressions, the Trustees propose to establish a College upon the following plan, if competent funds can be obtained.

1st. There shall be suitable buildings erected for the tuition, boarding and lodging of the Students within the College boundaries.

2nd. The government of the College shall be vested in a Faculty, to be composed of the President, Professors and Tutors, according to the rules and bye-laws of the Corporation.

3d. It shall be the duty of the Faculty, diligently to inspect and watch over the morals and conduct of the Students, and in all proper methods, both by example and precept, to recommend to them a virtuous life and a regular attention to the public and private duties of religion.

4th. There shall be a President and Professors of Moral Philosophy, Criticism, Chronology, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; and such Tutors of the learned languages, and other branches of education as may be necessary.

5th. There shall be four classes.—That of the first year, shall be instructed in the learned languages, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography and Roman Antiquities; the study of the languages shall be continued in the two following years; that of the second year, shall be instructed in the Elements of Chronology and History, English Grammar, Logarithms, plain and spherical Geometry and Trigonometry, Mensuration, Surveying, Navigation and Conic Sections; that of the third year, in Fluxions, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Chemistry and the History of Civil Society; that of the fourth year, in Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Rhetoric, Ethics, Logic and Metaphysics.

6th. There shall be an annual commencement, and degrees conferred, as in other Colleges.

THE funds required to establish a College upon this foundation, are estimated not to exceed 20,000 Dollars.

To provide these funds, the Trustees have no resource, but by application to the State, and to individual subscription. To the latter, they propose to apply upon the following terms, for such sums as may, with that granted by the State, be equal to the whole amount ascertained to be necessary by previous estimate.

THE sum required, shall be subscribed in shares, at 200 dollars each share; on each share there shall be paid at the time of subscribing, 20 Dollars—30 Dollars when the required sum is fully subscribed—75 Dollars when the walls of the buildings are erected and covered in, and 75 Dollars in six months thereafter. The first instalment to be deposited in Bank, separate from the other funds of the College, and to be repaid to the subscribers respectively, unless the whole sum proposed to be raised be subscribed within one year from the payment of the first instalment. The subscribers shall be entitled to ten certificates, of 20 Dollars each, for every share, transferable by indorsement, one of which will be received in each year with each student as cash, in the payment of his College dues, which shall not exceed those payable at Princeton College. The whole property of the College to be mortgaged to secure a compliance with the conditions on its part. From the assurances the Trustees have received from various quarters, they have reason to hope that if the State should grant a liberal aid, the residue of the money required, can be obtained by the foregoing plan of subscription; but lest their hopes should, in this respect, be disappointed, they only ask that the aid to be furnished, should be contingent on the subscription of such residue. To accomplish an object so honourable and advantageous to the State, and in which, not only the present, but future generations are so deeply interested, it is humbly presumed that your honorable body will not be unwilling to second the efforts of the Trustees.

Signed by Order of the Board,

T. READ, President.

J. RUMSEY, Sec'y.

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J. BEAD, President.