

The Council is not without hope that the example of Captain Stoddard will be imitated by many of the masters who frequent this port. Few persons have more frequent opportunities of procuring, at little expense, objects of value and interest ; and were the masters of vessels to take up the habit of collecting, a large amount might be quickly amassed. We have examples, in several ports of the United States and elsewhere, of the great utility of interesting in the favour of public museums, the valuable class of mariners. Could this be effected here, the Society would find itself a gainer to a great degree, and the Council hopes that the merchants connected with these gentlemen, (particularly those who are concerned in the West India trade, a country so fertile in all the objects of natural history,) will not be unwilling to recommend to those under their influence, the objects to which allusion has been made. The Council begs leave to trespass a little longer on the patience of the Society in recording the names of E. S. Glen, Esquire, who at much trouble to himself transmitted a number of objects of curiosity connected with the customs of the inhabitants of South America, and of Mr. William Walker, merchant, of Quebec, who was at the pains of transporting from Surinam to Liverpool and from that port to this country, a large case of insects. The Council will only refer to one other donor, a lady, Miss L. D. Dix, of Boston, whose unexpected and liberal donation has been received with a pleasure much beyond the value of the objects themselves, although they were highly useful and interesting.

The Library not requiring any preparation in entering its additions, the Council will mention precisely its increase. The number of volumes mentioned in the Report of the Council for 1829-30, was 365 ; there have been added by purchase 27 volumes, and by donation 11, forming