

manner as such property is now kept, maintained and preserved for the benefit of the nation by the Congress of the United States.

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby requested to transmit under seal of this State a copy of the foregoing memorial to each of the Senators and Representatives now in Congress from Maryland, with the request that they lay the same before their respective Houses in support of the measure hereinbefore mentioned.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 14.

Joint resolution and memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, to the Congress of the United States, for the passage of a bill to reimburse and indemnify the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick Maryland.

Whereas, on July 9, 1864, during the progress of the late Civil War, the town of Frederick, in the State of Maryland, was seized by the Confederate Army under Gen. Jubal A. Early, and the said army, by way of retaliation against the Government of the United States for the destruction of property by the Union armies in the Confederate States of America, exacted from said town, under pain of the pillage and burning thereof, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars; and

Whereas the State of Maryland had faithfully satisfied all the requisitions made upon it by the Government of the United States in the prosecution of said war, and was entitled to receive for itself and the said town of Frederick from the Government of the United States protection against the invasions and aggressions of the Confederate Armies, and the said Government, after having taken and removed the home defense forces of said State beyond its limits and control, failed to comply with the request of said State to provide for the defense thereof and of the said town of Frederick as one of its municipalities against the invasions of the said Confederate Army under General Early, and by reason of such failure of the Government of the United States the said invasion was accomplished and the said town of Frederick was despoiled as aforesaid by way of retaliation against the said Government; and

Whereas the said municipality, as a direct result of said exaction, has ever since been under the necessity of carrying a large bonded indebtedness, which has been a continuous and is a present hardship to the citizens of said town, and it is just and equitable that the Government of the United States should assume the loss suffered by said town by reason of its loyalty to the Union, and on account of a policy of retaliation directed against the said Government; and, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, be and they are hereby respectfully requested to pass a bill appropriating the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, to be paid to the Mayor and Alderman of Frederick, in the State of Maryland, as a reimbursement and indemnity for the loss sustained by the said municipality through the said reprisal and execution of the said Confederate Army of invasion.

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the State be and he is hereby requested to transmit, under seal of this State, a copy of the foregoing and memorial to each of the Senators and Representatives now in Congress from Maryland, with the request that they lay the same before their respective Houses in support of the measure hereinbefore mentioned.