

RESOLUTIONS.

1844.

No. 28. Passed March 8, 1845.
Preamble and Resolutions in relation to the State's claim against the United States, for monies advanced by the State, for the use and benefit of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has a large unsettled claim against the Government of the United States, for monies advanced by the State for the use and benefit of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain; **AND WHEREAS**, the justice and legality of said claim has been heretofore acknowledged by an act passed at the first session of the nineteenth Congress, directing the accounting officers of the Treasury, to liquidate and settle the claims of the State of Maryland against the United States, for interest on loans or monies borrowed and actually expended by her for the use and benefit of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain; **AND WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland is largely involved in debt, and unable to fulfil her engagements with her creditors, and prosecute to completion her principal works of internal improvement, without bringing into immediate and energetic employment all her available resources—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Benjamin C. Howard and John S. Skinner, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed agents on the part of this State, to liquidate and settle the said claim with the Government of the United States, on such just and equitable terms as may be practicable, and as a means of enabling them speedily to accomplish this important object.

Be it further resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be and they are hereby requested to afford to the said agents every possible aid in their power.

Resolved, that the said agents be, and they are hereby allowed a commission of two per cent. on such sum or sums of money as they shall actually recover, and cause to be paid over to the Treasury of the State as hereinafter provided.

Resolved, That as soon as the said claim is settled, and the Government of the United States is prepared to pay the money, the same shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, who is hereby directed to receive the same, and to give the necessary receipts therefor.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be and he is hereby requested to furnish a copy of these resolu-