

No. 9.

Resolutions relative to arrears due the State of Maryland by the United States for and on account of advances and expenditures during the War of 1812, with England.

Passed Mar.
10, 1856.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whereas, it appears that this State has long been urging upon the Congress of the United States the payment of a considerable sum of money, justly due to her on account of arrears and interest upon expenditures made by this State, during the War of 1812, for the military purposes of the United States, but hitherto without success; and whereas, it further appears that since the presentation of these demands of the State of Maryland to the Congress of the United States, and during their pendency, laws have been passed by Congress, in several instances, authorising and directing the payment to several other States of the Union of precisely similar demands, and for precisely similar expenditures to those for which Maryland has so long unsuccessfully been seeking to obtain repayment, as evidenced by a law passed in 1832, directing the payment to the State of South Carolina of interest on her expenditures during the War of 1812, for the identical reason, as set forth in that law, upon which Maryland claims and demands interest—as evidenced also, by the subsequent passage of laws, in the years 1842 and 1849, for the payment to the States of Alabama, Georgia and Maine of all interest paid, or lost by those States respectively, on advances for the military purposes of the United States—and as further evidenced by the passage of a law in the year 1852, directing the payment to the State of New Hampshire of interest on all advances or expenditures by that State for the like military purposes—and by other instances to be found on the statute books of the United States,—Maryland has just cause to complain of the injustice heretofore done to her, and urgently to insist that the Congress of the United States proceed without any further unnecessary delay to pass upon the case, as already in due form submitted and laid before them, and award to this State equal justice with her sister States.

Resolved, That whilst the State of Maryland hereby earnestly remonstrates against this most improper