

No. 45.

Preamble and Resolution authorising the Librarian to furnish Charles W. Webster with certain Books herein named.

WHEREAS, a compiled digested index of the Laws of Maryland, on the plan of a work published in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, by Thomas Herty, would be of great advantage, usefulness and convenience to the citizens of the State at large; *and whereas*, Charles W. Webster, Esquire, of Carroll county, offers to compile a book of that character, embracing all the laws of the State, from the commencement of this government to the present time; *and whereas*, the said Webster does not ask or demand any remuneration for his labors in the performance of said duties, other than what the Legislature may hereafter allow him, after the full examination and expression of the satisfaction of the Legislature with the work, hereafter to be presented; *and whereas*; he only asks at this time one copy of Herty's Digest; two full copies of Dorsey's Laws; two full copies of the Laws of Maryland; and the laws as they are published from year to year, for the purpose of enabling him efficiently to execute the work aforesaid—Therefore,

Resolved, That the State Librarian cause one copy of Herty's Digest; two full copies of Dorsey's Laws, and the laws as published from year to year, to be delivered to Charles W. Webster, of Carroll county, or to his order; *provided*, the said Charles W. Webster shall give to the Librarian, in the name of the State, a receipt for the return of the books aforesaid; *provided further*, that in the opinion of the Librarian, the said books can be conveniently spared from the Library.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the duty of examining and considering "a compilation of the Laws of the State, made by Charles W. Webster, Esq., in accordance with resolution No. 45," of 1846, beg leave respectfully to report:

That, upon such examination of the work of Mr. Webster, as time and opportunity allowed them to give, they find that the laws of the State are systematically arranged under their appropriate alphabetical titles.