

APPENDIX.—RESOLUTIONS.

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No. 1.

RESOLVED, That all proceedings against William Mealy, on his bond passed to the state of Maryland for the purchase of Indian lands lying in Dorchester county, be and the same are hereby suspended until the determination of a suit now pending in the federal court between the Indians claiming the said land and the state of Maryland.

Proceedings against Wm. Mealy to be suspended.

No. 2.

RESOLVED, That the judge of the land-office be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to examine, in a summary way, the circumstances of a public sale made of a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Harford county, called The Meadows, or Joshua's Meadows, by two of the executors of William Amos, deceased, and two trustees appointed by the orphans court of Harford county, which land was directed to be sold by the last will of the said William Amos for the payment of his debts, at which public sale a certain Charles Baker became the purchaser, who hath since conveyed to the said Thomas Amos, and if, on such examination, the judge of the land-office shall be of opinion that the said sale was fair, and not fraudulent, and not repugnant to the interest of a majority of the persons concerned, although made without sufficient legal authority, he is hereby authorised and empowered to order a patent to issue to the said Thomas Amos for said land, upon the composition money being paid by said Amos.

Judge of land office to examine into sale of lands called The Meadows, &c.

No. 3.

WHEREAS it appears that John Sterrett, and others, were possessors of a tract of land in Cecil county, called The Widow's Lot, within the lines of New Connaught Manor, and that as possessors they were entitled to the pre-emption: And whereas, at the time the land was sold, the said Sterrett, and others, had leases on the same, and, by management, a certain James G. Heron became the purchaser, at and for the sum of three pounds two shillings and six-pence per acre; that at the time he purchased it was supposed a clear fee-simple estate was sold: And whereas the said James G. Heron, on making the aforesaid statement appear, obtained a release of the contract aforesaid, and the same land was afterwards, by the state's agent, sold to the said Sterrett, and others, for the price James G. Heron agreed to give for the same, and that the agent, at the time of the contract, promised the said Sterrett, and others, that if it should appear that they, as settlers, were entitled to the pre-emption, that they should have it on the same terms upon which other lands of said manor were sold, and it appears that none of the said lands sold for more than twenty shillings per acre: **RESOLVED,** That on the said Sterrett, and the other purchasers of said land, paying to the state the full amount of the purchase money, calculating the same at twenty shillings per acre, with legal interest on the same, together with all costs of suits brought on bonds executed by them to the state for said purchase, that said bonds be and the same are hereby cancelled, and all proceedings at law thereon stayed; and that the register of the land-office be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to issue patents to the purchasers of said lands, or to the heirs of any deceased purchasers, respectively, for said land, on payment of the fees of office.

Bonds of J. Sterrett, and others, to be cancelled, &c.