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APPENDIX.—RESOLUTIONS.

Governor and
council to ascertain
state of record books

No. 20.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and requested, at any time during the recess of the general assembly, upon the application of the said register, to ascertain the state of such of the record books in the said office as shall be by him pointed out as requiring to be repaired, and to direct and cause such repairs to be made to the covers of the books, as they may deem necessary for the better preservation of the records therein contained.

Address to the
president of the
U. S.

No. 21.

RESOLVED, That the speaker of the house of delegates and the president of the senate be requested to transmit to the president of the United States the following address:

It being congenial with republican principles to consider the devotion to public service as originating from nobler motives than those which are excited from the expectation of pecuniary rewards; under this impression, we think that the approbation of a grateful people the greatest reward a nation can bestow on her deserving executive.

The legislature of Maryland, cordially approbating your administration, eminently distinguished for wisdom, moderation, firmness and equity, would not act agreeable to the will of the people, and to their own sensations, if they were to neglect, at this critical moment, to assure you of our unabated confidence in your wisdom and virtue.

The policy which has characterized your administration has augmented the happiness and prosperity of this fortunate country. The American character has been more eminently exalted abroad, and the happiness of the people, the design of government, increased and promoted at home.

In vain have the machinations of despotism been levelled at the principles of our government; your vigilance and wisdom have always been directed towards the protection of those principles which completely secure to us life, liberty and property.

When we take a retrospective view of the transatlantic convulsions, and at present behold all Europe ingulphed in the misery of war and despotism, we are obliged to approve of those measures which have averted from us those horrors and calamities. We cordially hope the same wisdom which has guided and protected us thus far, may be able to annihilate the demon of conspiracy, the offspring of desperate and abandoned men, *who, backed by foreign aid*, expect to benefit and aggrandize themselves from the destruction of that constitution which has exalted us to our now elevated station; our great confidence in your wisdom, and the wisdom of congress, warrants our anticipations of a complete frustration of their treasonable designs.

Wishing to live in peace and friendship with all the world, we sincerely hope our negotiations with foreign governments will be honourably and amicably adjusted; if the reverse, a firm, energetic and dignified alternative, will meet our support.

But, Sir, whilst we bear testimony of our approbation of your administration, permit us to solicit you again to take the helm of our government.