

APPENDIX.—RESOLUTIONS.

Dec. Sess.

1817.



seventeen hundred and eighty, as the person or persons who may be authorised by Congress to erect the same, in conjunction with the governor and council, may think most suitable for this purpose.

No. 75.

RESOLVED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the attention of the Congress of the United States be respectfully invited to the defenceless situation of its territory bordering on the waters of the Chesapeake bay. The facilities offered by the boldness and ramification of its waters, to an invading foe, are written in the history of the last war. Such a time of peace and national prosperity as the United States are now preeminently blessed with, permits the collected wisdom of the constituted authorities to devise the most efficient system of defence, and allows the resources of the union to be applied to the future security of the seat of the American government.

Passed Feb 11 1818
Relative to defence of the Chesapeake Bay

RESOLVED, That our senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States, be instructed and requested, to use their best endeavours to effect the measures essential for the above object.

RESOLVED, That in the event of the United States establishing a Naval Depot at Annapolis, the Saint Mary's River, or at any other place within this state, Maryland will cede, free of any expense to the general government, the territory adequate to that purpose.

RESOLVED, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the preceding resolutions to our senators and representatives, to be by them submitted to the consideration of both houses of congress.

DECEMBER SESSION, 1818.

No. 1.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be directed, and he is hereby directed, to receive into the treasury of said shore the sum of \$341 25, now in the hands of the treasurer of the eastern shore, under the resolution of December session 1816, and that the said treasurer make such disposition thereof, as the governor and council, or the legislature, may direct.

Passed Dec 12
In favour of the treasurer eastern shore

No. 2.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the governor such sum as he may deem requisite, not exceeding three thousand dollars, for the purpose of furnishing the government house.

Passed Dec 22
For furnishing government-house

No. 3.

WHEREAS, by the law passed by the last general assembly of Maryland, entitled, An act to impose a tax on all banks or branches thereof in the state of Maryland, not chartered by the legislature, has been resisted by the branch of the United States Bank established in Baltimore, as unconstitutional: And whereas the court of appeals for the western shore, at the last term, decided that the said law was constitutional, and an appeal has been prayed from the said judgment to the supreme court of the United States; and it is expedient that counsel should be employed on the part of this state in the said court, therefore,

Passed Dec 22