No. 53.

Resolution in favour of Clemency Parrish.

Passed Mar. 16,1836

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Clemency Parrish, widow of Edward Parrish, a soldier of the revolution, the half pay of a serjant during her life.

No. 54.

Resolution requesting the Senators and Members for Passed March 19 this State, in Congress, to use their exertions against the Expunging Resolutions.

WHEREAS, by the fifth section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States, it is provided that each of the Houses of Congress shall keep a journal of its proceedings; and whereas, the Senate of the United States, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty four, at the first session of the twenty third Congress, did in its legislative capacity pass the following resolution.

"Resolved, That the President, in the executive proceedings in relation to the public revenue, has assumed upon himself authority and power not confered by the constitution and laws, but in derogation of both," which resolution consequently became a part of the proceedings of the senate at that session; and whereas, attempts are now making in several of the States of this Union to cause said resolution to be expunged from the journal of the house, which if carried into effect will cause said journal not to be a record of the proceedings of the house, but of a part of its proceedings in utter disregard of the provision already cited of the Constitution of the United States; and whereas, the power to expunge the record of any portion of the proceedings of the Senate, necessarily implies the power to expunge or efface the whole, and may leave the country at any time (a bare majority shall deem fit) without an official record of the proceedings of one or both branches of the National Legislature.