

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Assented to by the General Assembly of Maryland, at a Session begun on the sixth day of January, 1864, and ended on the tenth day of March, 1864.

No. 1.

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Treasury has recommended a tax of twenty cents per pound upon leaf tobacco; *and whereas*, the propriety of such tax is now under the consideration of the appropriate Committees of Congress, and it is highly important to the agricultural interests of the State to know whether such tax is to be imposed upon the leaf tobacco now in the hands of the producers, or upon the crop grown after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; *and whereas*, such a tax upon the leaf tobacco now in the hands of the producer would amount to a confiscation of the same, and be highly injurious to their interests, and if imposed upon the future growth of tobacco will be equal to a prohibition upon the culture of the same in Maryland, and highly destructive of the tobacco trade of the city of Baltimore;

Assented to
Feb. 23, 1864.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby respectfully requested to use their exertions to prevent the passage of any law imposing a tax upon leaf tobacco.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.