Resolved, That a grant of the Public Lands to the several States in which they lie, would be an usurpation of power never conferred upon Congress, and in direct viola-

tion of the rights of the other States.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing Report and Resolutions, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with a request that they will lay the same before their respective houses, and use their endeavors to procure the passage of an act, to carry into effect the speedy distribution of the proceeds of sale of the Public Lands.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be also requested to transmit copies of the said report and resolutions to the Governors of the several States of the Union, with a request that they will communicate the same to the Legislatures thereof, respectively, and ask their co-opera-

tion.

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Resolution authorising the Commissioner of Loans, to bor-Passed April 1, row five hundred thousand dollars, for the use of the 1841.

State.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Commissioner of Loans, be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to borrow, on the credit and for the use of this State, at a rate of interest, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and at such times and in such sums as the Treasurer of the Western Shore shall advise, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to be made payable twelve months after the date of each loan, out of the proceeds of the tax directed to be levied by the act of the present session, entitled an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State; and the revenue thence to be derived, as well as the faith of the State, is hereby appropriated to and pledged for the punctual payment of the said loans, both principal and interest.

And be it further resolved, That if any banks in this State, whereof the State is a stockholder, shall purchase of the Commissioner of Loans, the stock thereof belonging to the State, upon such terms as the Treasurer of the Western