

Canal that its terminus being within the limits of the District of Columbia; if the boundless hopes which have allured the steps of past legislation are to be realized to any extent It may well be said that the territory of the Union should look to a more full participation than any other, so far the committee has proceeded upon the supposition that the grant of seventeen hundred and ninety was a donation, and if it be so, they think that the preceding consideration will justify the resolutions with which they propose to conclude their report.

It admits however of another view which if a correct one, places the enquiry beyond all doubt. The language of the preamble and resolution which have been recited in this report for the more clear exhibition of the subject of this enquiry will advance this language as also used in the report of the committee, and wherever any proceedings in relation are had, language which without torture may be understood, if indeed it be not the only way in which it should be understood to contemplate a loan.

The committee propose for the action of the house the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertion to obtain the passage of a law by Congress to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the State of Maryland the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, with interest, which was advanced by the state in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, to the general government, for the purpose of erecting public buildings.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to forward a copy of these resolutions and the accompanying report to our representatives in Congress.

No. 35.

Relating to the Academies in Baltimore County.

Passed March
6, 1843.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the eight hundred dollars appropriated to the support of academies in Baltimore county, be and is hereby directed to be after the current year paid by the treasurer of the western shore in equal sums to the order of the trustees of each of the following five academies, viz. Govans-Town, Hereford, Saint James, Franklin and Powell's Run Academy, and that the said trustees shall cause to be educated free of charge at each of the said academies not less than two poor children.