

1843.

RESOLUTIONS.

Passed Jan.  
11, 1844.

No. 3.

Resolution in relation to the bridges across the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, have at different times appropriated about three hundred thousand dollars, to the construction of free bridges across the Potomac River, within the District of Columbia, thereby giving great advantages to the citizens of Virginia and others, for approaching the seat of Government, and particularly to all that class of persons who frequent the markets of Washington and Georgetown, for the sale of their productions; AND WHEREAS, equal rights and privileges ought to be extended to all the citizens of these States, AND WHEREAS Congress have heretofore refused or neglected to make free the bridges over the Anacosta or Eastern Branch of the Potomac, greatly to the detriment of the citizens of Maryland, because those who attend the markets in Washington and Georgetown, are compelled to pay a heavy tax in the shape of bridge tolls on their produce from which the citizens on the south side of the Potomac have been exempt by the Congress of the United States. Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to bring the subject to the attention of Congress, at such time and in such manner as they may deem most advisable, and to use their best exertions to have the bridges over the Anacosta or Eastern Branch of the Potomac made free.

*Resolved,* That his Excellency the Governor, be requested to send a copy of this preamble and resolution, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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No. 4.

Passed Jan.  
12, 1844.

Resolution in favor of the collectors of the Direct Tax.

*Resolved as the sense of this General Assembly,* That the public interest will be promoted, if his Excellency the Governor, in the exercise of the discretion conferred upon him, by the eighth section of the act of eighteen hundred and forty-two, chapter two hundred and sixty-nine, shall forbear to put in suit the bonds of collectors of the direct tax, for the instalment due on the first of September last, until the first of June next, unless the legislature shall hereafter otherwise order and direct.