

No. 11.

Resolution relating to the Tobacco Trade.

Passed Feb. 26,
1840.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland is vitally interested in the culture and sale of tobacco; and whereas, import duties and transit charges are levied upon this article in those countries, with which our most intimate commercial relations exist, which if not prohibiting its introduction, yet seriously impair its value to the grower; and whereas, in some of those countries, an unfavorable discriminating tax is especially imposed upon the product of Maryland; and whereas, the export of this article from the United States, is only second to that of cotton in quantity and value; and whereas, the generous policy of the United States, in lessening as far as practicable the duties upon the exports of those countries has not been reciprocated by them with reference to this material item in our agricultural products; and whereas, it is the duty of the Congress of the Union in view of our external trade, to secure the results of labour, in every portion of it, a fair and equal equivalent—Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Maryland, be earnestly requested to exert their efforts to procure either by urgent negotiation or retaliatory import, a repeal or material modification of those restrictions which so unjustly distinguish our tobacco exports in Europe.

And be it further resolved, That the Governor of the State of Maryland be requested to forward to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, from the State of Maryland, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution.

No. 12.

A resolution in favor of Mary Branson, widow of John B. Branson, a Soldier of the Revolution. Passed Mar. 3,
1840.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, be and he is hereby directed to pay to Mary Branson, of St. Mary's county, or her order, twelve dollars and eleven cents, the amount of