

Resolutions relative to the Currency.

Passed Mar. 23,
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Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, the best teacher, either for individuals or nations, is the voice of experience; that such measures of general policy as have been subjected to this test and found to subserve the object of all proper governments, the general good of the governed, ought not be departed from in order to the substitution of experiments founded in a restless disposition for change, or more culpable motives.

2. That measures, sanctioned by the wisdom of a Washington, a Hamilton, a Madison, and others, of whom our nation are justly proud, and which have been approved by success of long experiment, ought not to be lightly discarded to advance the purposes of party or to relieve its leaders from the reproach of obstinate ignorance.

5. That the history of the last eight years of our National Government tends to increase the reverence we entertain for the wisdom of the sages of the past, by contrast with the results of a departure from their line of policy by our modern political illuminati.

4. That in the opinion of this Legislature, if the conductors of the National Bank had possessed more pliant subserviency of temper and less of a patriotic regard for the interests of the whole Union, if instead of subserving the objects of its institution, it had degenerated into the auxiliary of executive wishes, it would have found in the late administration its firmest supporters, and the voice of eulogy would have been substituted for the anathema of malediction; that we regard the prostration of this institution as a measure commencing in party and personal pique, advanced and sustained by the persevering action of a vindictive and determined spirit, and ending in the catastrophe of a wide spread and general ruin.

5. That the discovery of the fallacy of an experiment which sage prophecy had heralded as the result of the most profound political judgment is not calculated to