

No. 16.

Passed Feb. 21, 1845. Preamble and Resolution in relation to the Fourth Instalment of the Surplus Revenue of the General Government.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the fourth instalment of the surplus revenues of the general government of the United States, ordered to be deposited with the several States of this Union, by an act of Congress, passed at the session of eighteen hundred and thirty-five and six, has not yet been paid as directed by the act of Congress; AND WHEREAS, the State of Maryland is deeply involved in debts contracted for works of internal improvement, one of the most important of which is still unfinished, and is therefore totally unproductive, and the State has in consequence been compelled to resort to high taxation to sustain her credit; AND WHEREAS, the proportion which Maryland is entitled to receive, under the provisions of the said act of Congress, would, if it could be made available at this time, would greatly relieve the people from the burdens under which they labor—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be and they are hereby requested to call the attention of the general government to this subject, at the earliest practicable moment, and to urge upon that government the necessity of such prompt and efficient action as will place the States in the early possession of the withheld instalment.

No. 17.

Passed Feb. 10, 1845. Preamble and Resolutions in relation to the issue of Two Hundred Millions of Government Stock, for the Relief of the States.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by the adoption of the constitution of the United States, the respective States surrendered to the general government the power to lay impost duties, and to regulate commerce; AND WHEREAS, the States surrendered to the general government the public lands as a trust property, to be disposed of for the benefit of all the States; AND WHEREAS, in seventeen hundred and ninety, the general government assumed the debts of the States, and pledged all the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to the payment thereof, which debt has long since been dis-