

RESOLUTIONS.

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charged; AND WHEREAS, the general government is justly indebted to the several States for the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, which have gone into the public treasury since the discharge of the trust for which the lands were pledged; AND WHEREAS, the revenues of the general government are more than necessary to a wise and economical system of national expenditure; AND WHEREAS, the States have incurred heavy indebtedness for works of internal improvement, (in some cases by the advice and encouragement of the general government,) which now serve to bind together the whole, and to make the Union enduring; AND WHEREAS, as the great indebtedness of many of the States renders a resort to direct taxation, to pay the interest, at once onerous and oppressive to the people, and it will be burthensome in the extreme to discharge the principal thereof, when the same shall become due—Therefore,

Resolved, as the sense of the General Assembly of Maryland, that the general government should pledge its faith and extend its credit for the relief of the States, by issuing two hundred millions of government stock, to be apportioned among the States upon an equitable basis; and that the entire public domain, yet unsold, computed to be 1,042,731,765 acres, ought to be pledged specifically for the payment of the same, and the interests to accrue thereon.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be and they are hereby earnestly requested to advocate such a measure, and to do all in their power to secure its adoption at the earliest practicable period.

 No. 18

Resolution in favor of William McNeir.

Passed Feb.
25, 1845.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer pay out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury, to William McNeir, the sum of five hundred dollars, for printing done by order of the senate during the present session, and which sum shall be credited by the chairman of the committee on claims on his account.