

RESOLUTIONS.

1846.

No. 20.

Resolution in favor of Ann Mary Cockrane.

Passed Jan. 18, 1847.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay Ann Mary Cockrane, of Frederick county, widow of James Cockrane, who was a private in the Revolutionary war, or to her order, in quarter yearly payments, commencing from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private during her life, as further remuneration for the services of her deceased husband.

No. 21.

Preamble and resolutions in relation to Foreign Duties on Tobacco.

Passed Feb. 18, 1847.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is rendered eminently essential and highly important in view of the distressed condition of the tobacco interest of the State of Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky, that an effort should be made by the Government of the United States to procure a reduction of high duties imposed by foreign nations upon its introduction into their ports, which operate as a prohibition upon its consumption, and consequently tend to the manifest injury of the grower by diminishing its value; and whereas, it is believed that arrangements may be made, and negotiations had with foreign governments, by which the article of tobacco may be more freely admitted, and with less duty than at present imposed, if a proper and reasonable degree of solicitude is entertained and manifested by the Government in its diplomatic relations with those nations, and which it is but just and proper that other nations should extend to agricultural products of the United States, which partake in their character of the nature of luxuries, the same liberality and favor that the United States are now extending towards articles of the same nature of foreign growth or manufacture; and whereas, an unfavorable discriminating tax is imposed upon the staple production of this State by those countries with which our most intimate commercial relation exist