

and commercial interests; *and whereas*, this stupendous work can be accomplished, and the public lands constitute a fund appropriate for defraying the expenses of such an undertaking, as a small part of them would furnish the means, and the value of the remainder would be greatly enhanced thereby; *and whereas*, the plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its great outlines, is in our opinion feasible for the accomplishment of this great undertaking, which should be commenced as soon as practicable—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That we approve of Mr. Whitney's plan, as explained by himself to us, of constructing a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean, from an appropriation of the public lands on its line, connecting the sale and settlement of the lands with the building of the road, making it an individual enterprise, still under the control of Congress.

Resolved, That we recommend this measure to the favorable consideration of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Executive of each State in the Union, and a like copy to the Senators and members of the House of Representatives from this State in Congress.

No. 20.

Resolution in favor of Robert Booker.

Passed
Feb. 10, 1848.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorised to pay Robert Booker, or order, the sum of fifty dollars out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for services rendered in arresting John Roberts, the murderer of John Cox, of Queen Anne's county.