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Resolved, That we claim for ourselves and accord to others the widest liberty of opinion and of expression, and do not find in difference of views on constitutional or moral questions, ground for dissension or complaint, but we cannot, in justice to ourselves, entertain a communication that condemns our institutions in terms designed to outrage the feelings of our constituents, and to exhibit a studied disrespect to their representatives.

Resolved further, That firmly attached to the union of the States, we will not entertain or consider resolutions denouncing institutions recognised and guarantied by the constitution and laws of the United States, and of this State, and having for their palpable object to provoke a dissolution of the Union.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State, be and he is hereby requested to return to the Governor of Vermont, the resolution of her Legislature, and to transmit with them a copy of these resolutions, as explanatory of the reason which impels us to this course.

## No. 29.

Feb. 12, 1850. Preamble and Resolution in favor of the Maryland Institute, for the promotion of Mechanic Arts.

> WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Maryland, has evinced a disposition to encourage agricultural labor, and has, by the appointment of a State chemist, awarded to that branch of industry the advantage of its aid in discoveries promotive to its profitable pursuit; and whereas, the improvement and extension of mechanic arts, equally deserve the countenance and patronage of the State, and are alike conducive to individual happiness and State prosperity; and whereas, acting under the influence of an enlightened spirit, the Legislature of Maryland, at its December session, eighteen hundred and twenty nine, by resolution number forty-five, did contribute through its treasury to the promotion of mechanic arts, which contribution was continued until by disasters the Maryland Institute, the then object of her bounty, ceased to exist; and whereas, that institute has been revived, and is now in advance progress, and it is proper that its utility should be enlarged.

> Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, be and he is hereby directed to pay annually to the president of the Maryland Institute, for the promotion of the mechanic