

1812.

No. 53.

Passed Dec. 30,
1811Approving of
the measures of
the general go-
vernment.

Whereas, It is highly important at this eventful crisis in our foreign relations, that the opinions and feelings of every section of the union should be fairly and fully expressed: Therefore, we the legislature of Maryland do *Resolve*, That in the opinion of this legislature, the measures of the administration with respect to Great Britain have been honorable, impartial and just; that in their negotiations, they have evinced every disposition to terminate our differences on terms not incompatible with our national honor; and that they deserve the confidence and support of the nation.

Resolved, That the measures of Great Britain have been, and still are destructive of our best and dearest rights; and being inconsistent with justice, with reason and with law, can be supported only by force; therefore if persisted in, by force should be resisted.

Resolved, That the measures of the administration, with respect to France, we highly approve. They have been fully authorised by the law and the *fact*.

Resolved, That the acts of injustice and violence committed on our neutral rights by France, have excited all that indignation which a lawless exercise of power could not fail to do; but having now ceased to violate our neutral rights, we trust that the period is not far distant, when by acts of ample justice, all cause of complaint will be removed.

Resolved, That the president's message, temperate, impartial and decisive, deserves *all our praise and support*. It points out the best course to an honorable independence.

Resolved, That the independence established by the aid and valor of our fathers, will not tamely be yielded by their sons. The same spirit which lead the freemen of Maryland to battle, still exists in the state, and waits only for its country's call.

Passed Jan. 7,
1812.Relative to the
resolutions ap-
proving the
measures of the
general govern-
ment.

No. 54.

Resolved, That the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of delegates be requested to transmit to the president of the United States, the resolutions adopted by both branches of the legislature, approbatory of the conduct of the general government with respect to our foreign relations.

Passed Jan. 6,
1812.In favor of Saint
Peter's school.

No. 55.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the trustees of