

## RESOLUTIONS.

1852.

the agriculturists, relieved this article from the payment of duties, which, together with the increased facilities of procuring vessels to import it, it was believed would reduce the price, but which instead of having that effect has rather tended to increase the profits of the importer, the high price having continued with little or no abatement, and without any apparent cause therefor, except the monopoly by which this trade is controlled; *And whereas*, it is believed that it would be highly advantageous to the agriculturists of Maryland, if some commercial arrangement could be made between the United States and the Governments from which guano is obtained, by which the trade in the article could be liberated from the monopoly by which it is shackled; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, be requested to procure, if practicable, such commercial arrangements to be made by our Government with the countries furnishing guano, as will open the trade in that article to the free competition of all our citizens, and break up the monopoly now engrossed by a few.

## No. 10.

*Resolution requesting our Representatives in Congress to obtain from the Secretary of the Navy, a copy of instructions and the report upon the subject of anthracite and semi-bituminous Coals.*

Passed April  
21, 1852.

*Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States be requested to obtain from the Secretary of the Navy, a copy of his instructions to C. B. Stuart, directing him to make an examination, with a view to test the comparative value of anthracite and the semi-bituminous coal of Allegany county, Maryland, and also to obtain a copy of the report, or reports, of the said C. B. Stuart, made in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Navy.

*Resolved*, That our Senators and Representatives be requested to ascertain from the Secretary of the Navy, if any thing has occurred to call in question the accuracy