

eral Government, for the purpose of erecting necessary public buildings in the City of Washington, for the accommodation of the Federal Government.

*Resolved*, That when it is remembered that this advance was made at a time when the Government of the United States was embarrassed by heavy indebtedness and deeply depressed credit, so much so that her best securities were worth in the market but little more than one fifth of their nominal value, and that consequently it was next to impossible for them to obtain the requisite pecuniary means for the accomplishment of the purpose contemplated, it becomes apparent that the advance was made by Maryland in a spirit of patriotic devotion to the Union and to the general welfare, and that she was making, and did make, a large sacrifice of pecuniary interest, which will be very far from being fully reimbursed to her by the repayment now of the principal sum with the interest.

*Resolved*, That having made this advance originally in the generous spirit evinced by the circumstances under which it was made, the State of Maryland felt, though after needing its return, that it did not become her to demand it until the Federal Government had been freed from the indebtedness which had made the advance necessary, however graceful and becoming it might have been in that Government to have made an earlier tender of reimbursement.

*Resolved*, That no such voluntary tender on the part of the obliged party being made, and the United States having been for several years relieved from all indebtedness, and possessed of overflowing abundance in their Treasury, the State of Maryland felt herself constrained to make the call she did by the resolutions of her Legislature which were passed in 1842, as before mentioned, and which call, not having been properly responded to, is now renewed by this Legislature, as it has been several times before, but ineffectually, by the special agents of the State, but which this Legislature hopes the Honorable Congress will not leave any further occasion for them or their successors to renew.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to transmit to each of the representatives from this State in the two houses of the Congress of the United States a copy of these resolutions, in order that they may in due form, and with all becoming respect, be laid before those honorable bodies.