

1800, by which renunciation those sufferers were not only forever debarred the mediation of their own Government, but lost all claim, in every form, against France, for the wrongs that had been inflicted on them; and, whereas, although it was the privilege of the United States thus to avail herself of the means which the grievances of her citizens afforded to release the Union from a corresponding liability for indemnification, but above all, from the treaty obligation referred to, which, if continued, would have entangled this country in all the wars to which France was a party, yet it became the consequent duty of the United States to assume the satisfaction of those claims of her citizens which she so used, as the rich consideration to France for an inestimable benefit conferred on this country. And whereas, any other view would be repugnant to the sacred duty of protection which bound the United States, and under which she undertook to vindicate those demands of her citizens and to enforce their redress, and would imply a right in the Government of the Union to avail itself of the misfortunes of a portion of her citizens to accomplish a national good at the sacrifice of individual interests, entitled to her care and confided to her as their necessary and only guardian; and whereas, citizens of Maryland, sufferers to a large extent, have asked this indemnification from the Congress of the United States, as a debt thus devolved upon the United States; and from various quarters of the Union the same appeals are made to Congress for this manifest but long deferred justice. Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Senators and Representatives from this State in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to promote the granting of prompt and full indemnification to said claimants. And be it further resolved, that the Governor be, and is hereby requested to transmit to our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of these resolutions.

AND WHEREAS, after the long interval elapsed since this General Assembly so declared and resolved, and said injured claimants, very many of whom are citizens of Maryland, are still found soliciting justice from the United States.

And Whereas, measures to obtain that justice are now proposed in the Congress of the United States; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that we do now re-affirm the views, and renew earnestly and respectfully the solicitations of the aforesaid Resolutions and Preamble passed in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and trust that the enactments now proposed in Congress may be adopted, and that the indemnification so long delayed and so often sought may be now promptly afforded to the sufferers.

And be it resolved that the Governor be and he is hereby