

ed in the almost universal inability to the punctual discharge of State obligations.

And whereas, the failure promptly to meet these obligations has not only by impaired confidence, utterly prostrated State credit, but in its evils embraced the general government, depressing it below the credit level of the minor commercial towns of Europe so as to render any relief by which the States may be restored of the utmost import to the government of the union.

And whereas, in the particular instance of Maryland, her pecuniary involvements, arise from a work of internal improvement, suggested in distinct form by one Executive of the United States in 1823—commenced under the auspices of another, himself the first to break earth upon its line in 1828, and to invoke and pledge to its successful completion “the moral energy and resources of the whole union.”

And whereas, the promises and hopes thus inspired have proved fallacious, and Maryland finds herself left by the general government to struggle with her fate, unaided, and either incur the eternal odium of broken faith, or impoverish her people to sustain her honor.

And whereas, whilst we reiterate our firm resolve, that we will not relax our State efforts (though she stagger under her burthens) to maintain our State faith, yet we believe the relief we seek to be sanctioned by the Constitution, approved by precedent, and demanded by the sacred object of the union, the “general welfare.”

And whereas, the public lands—ceded for a special and already effected object—within the control of Congress, as trustee for the States—regarded throughout the political history of the union, as a source of revenue applicable to objects of State interest and improvement, even when not involving national advantage—seem to be the appropriate basis for the relief prayed in the following resolution, and a basis as abundant in resource as it is appropriate in application—therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to urge upon that body the issue of two hundred millions of government stock, bearing an interest of three per cent. payable semi-annually at the Treasury in Washington, and to distribute the same among the several States and Territories of this Union, in proportions graduated by their federal representation,—such stock to be redeemable at such period and issue in such sums, as in their judgment may seem best—and that for the redemption of the principal of said stock and the punctual payment of the interest, the public domain be specifically pledged.

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Lecompte of Carroll submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to engage John Nelson, Esquire, of Baltimore city, to aid I. Nevette Steele,