

The Senate and House of Delegates have a right to censure the Executive in whatever terms they please; but when they wish to proclaim his misconduct to the Governors of other States, and to members of Congress, it would be no great sacrifice of State pride to call upon some other officer to distribute a document in which his conduct is arraigned.— My object now is not to defend my message, or to answer the objections that have been made against it, but to show the nature of the request contained in the resolutions—a request which I cannot comply with, because it is calculated, if not intended, to make me the instrument of my own degradation.

WM. GRASON.

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

The house suspended the rules to enable him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whereas the Executive has refused to transmit to our Senators and Representatives in Congress the report and resolutions adopted by the Senate and House of Delegates in relation to the public lands; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates be, and they are hereby requested, to transmit a copy of said report and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Governors of the several States.

Which was read the first time;

Mr. Tuck moved that said resolution be read a second time, by special order, and called for the previous question upon said resolution.

Mr. Le Grand rose to the following point of order:

Mr. Gaither moved to suspend the rules, to allow him to offer a resolution; which motion was adopted, and the resolution then had a first reading, when Mr. Le Grand offered an amendment, which the Speaker decided out of order, because the resolution had not been ordered to a second reading; whereupon a motion was made to give a second reading, which was adopted; when Mr. Tuck called the previous question, upon which Mr. Le Grand raised the point of order, whether the previous question was in order when the resolution had not had a second reading, the chair having determined that the resolution not having been ordered to a second reading, was not open to amendment.

The Speaker decided the motion of Mr. Tuck to be in order; that it was in conformity with the decision and practice of the House of Representatives to move the previous question when the resolution was moved, for the reason that the member who offered the resolution, was entitled to the floor upon it, before any other could claim it, and he considered the present case as analagous.

An appeal was taken by Mr. Le Grand, from this decision,

Mr. Bowie called for the previous question, that is, shall the main question be now put, and it was

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Le Grand,