

the people of Texas, having, by their valor and patriotism, driven from their soil the proud despots who sought to enslave them, and having established a government of their own choice, and by their own power, ought to be recognized as a free, sovereign and independent state.

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives of the State of Maryland in the Congress of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to vote for the immediate recognition of the independence of Texas.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor transmit, forthwith, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States now in session;

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ridgely obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Savage Rail Road Company, chapter 202, passed December session, 1834;

Ordered, That Messrs. Ridgely, Alexander and Simmons report the same.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the following communication from the Executive, endorsed, "referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates;"

Which was read, and is as follows—

Executive Department,
Annapolis, January 30th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the Senate

And of the House of Delegates:

We herewith lay before you, in pursuance of a request therein contained, a copy of a report and resolution passed by the Legislature of Georgia, on the subject of the surplus revenue of the United States proposed to be deposited among the States.

It will be perceived that the existence of a surplus of revenue in the national treasury is deprecated in the strongest terms by the Legislature of our sister State; and that the laws, by the operation of which this surplus was created, are viewed as an exercise of assumed power by the general government. The whole context and tenor of the report clearly demonstrate that it is against what is familiarly called "the protecting power" that the Legislature of Georgia protest; and they urge an immediate reduction of the revenue to what they call "the legitimate wants of the federal