

COMMUNICATION, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
HARRISBURG, December 21, 1832. }

SIR:—In compliance with a resolution of the Legislature of this State, I have the honor of transmitting to you the annexed resolutions, recently adopted by that body, relative to the Union of the States and the Constitution of the United States.

With sentiments of profound respect,
I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE WOLF.

To His Excellency, the Governor
of the State of Maryland, Annapolis.

RESOLUTIONS

Relative to the Union of the States, and the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the Constitution of the United States, and the laws of the United States made in pursuance of the Constitution, are the supreme law of the land, to which every citizen of the United States owes obedience, and that no authority whatever can release him from his obligation to obey, or require him to take any oath, or enter into every engagement inconsistent with such obligation; and that any pretension on the Part of a State, or any portion thereof, so to release any citizen of the United States, or so to require of him, is unconstitutional and without the least foundation of right, and can afford neither shelter nor excuse for offences he may commit against the laws of the United States.

Resolved, That no portion of the citizens of the United States have a rightful power to render invalid an act of the Congress of the United States, duly made by the people's representatives, and approved by the Executive, in the mode prescribed by the Constitution, nor to nullify the same, either generally or within particular districts, but that every such act of Congress continues in full force every where within the United States, notwithstanding any such asserted nullification, and all persons who resist its execution, offend against the Constitution and laws of the United States, and are liable to prosecution and punishment for such offence.

Resolved, That no State has a right to withdraw from the Union and to declare itself independent of it, and that