

reduction which, so soon as this canal shall be finished to Cumberland, will occur in the price of the fuel required and used in large and increasing quantities, for the public works at Harper's Ferry and the Navy Yard, and for the public offices, hotels and private establishments, near the Capitol; all placed by the Constitution under the exclusive control—and, therefore, entitled to the fostering care of the national authorities; and as in fact 'no State in the Union, not one of its many markets, nor any branch of its industry, whether it speed the plough, or spread the sail, or ply at home the shuttle or the hammer, whether its activity be exerted on land or sea, to the North or South, the East or West, is without an interest in the accomplishment of this national work,' and as the funds heretofore subscribed for its accomplishment, have been quite all expended; and the completion of said work must depend upon aid being obtained from Congress, or the governments of those States whose inhabitants are more immediately interested in its being soon finished, it seems to us proper and to be only necessary that a concert of action should be had, to express opinions very generally entertained, and wishes long and anxiously felt by the people of several cities and States—in a manner so explicit, as to entitle them to the highest and most deferential consideration, by all persons in authority; and thus assure the triumph of those opinions, and the early fulfilment of our wishes;—therefore, it is, by this meeting—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to hold a Convention in the city of Baltimore, at 10 o'clock, A. M. on the second Monday, the 8th day of December next, to be composed of three or more delegates, from the towns, cities and counties of the District of Columbia, and the several States—that feel an interest in the early completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and may find it convenient to be represented therein, for the purpose of considering and adopting such measures as shall to them seem most likely to cause that canal to be soon finished, *and such other works of national character to be undertaken, as may advance the welfare of Maryland and her sister States.*

2. *Resolved*, That David Shriver, John Hoye, M. C. Sprigg, S. P. Smith, Moor N. Falls, Thos. J. McKaig, Joseph Shriver, James Smith, Thos. Perry and William Matthews, be, and they are hereby appointed the delegation to represent Allegany county in the aforesaid Convention, with power to fill any vacancies, in said delegation, or to add to its number.

3. *Resolved*, That the following gentlemen be appointed a corresponding committee, viz: David Shriver, John Hoye, S. P. Smith, Robert Swan, J. M. Lawrence, Thomas J. McKaig, Andrew Bruce, David Lynn, John McHenry, M. C. Sprigg, William McMahan, Richard Beall, B. S. Pigman, John McNeill, Jacob Snyder, James M. Smith, Levi Hilleary, Geo. McCulloh, Wm. Ridgely, George Hebb, Thomas Perry, John Piper, Ezekiel Totten, Mesheck Frost, George M. Swan, Robert Bruce, William Matthews, James Smith, James Prather, Alpheus Beall, John G.