

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 1, 1783.

ORDERED, That all Resolves of the Legislature, which in their nature are to have a public operation and effect after the close of the session of assembly at which they are determined, be printed and stitched at the end of the books containing the laws.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

RESOLUTIONS assented to, April session, 1783.

UPON examining the subject matter relative to the sale of My Lady's Manor, in Baltimore and Harford counties, RESOLVED, That so soon as an accurate survey can be made, the commissioners be directed to confirm said sale, and execute deeds to the purchasers accordingly.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to settle and adjust, by arbitration, the dispute subsisting between this state and captain William Stone, relative to his claim of the brigantine Friendship, or any other matter depending thereon.

THE house took into consideration the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the mayor of the city of Annapolis, enclosing the proceedings of the corporation of the said city, and thereupon came to the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, 1st, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the honour, dignity, and welfare, of the United States, require that their representatives should have a fixed and permanent place of residence, with jurisdiction and authority over all inhabitants and residents within the district or territory assigned for the reception of congress and their officers, and the ministers of kingdoms and states in amity or alliance with the United States.

RESOLVED, 2dly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the city of Annapolis, with its precincts, is the most eligible and proper place within the United States, for the permanent residence of the honourable congress, for the following reasons: First, the city of Annapolis is more central than any other city or town in the federal states, and equally convenient to the delegates to travel there by land or water. Secondly, the city standing within three miles of the bay of Chesapeake, and on a large navigable river, with a high dry soil, and many springs of excellent water, is remarkably healthy. Thirdly, the bay of Chesapeake and rivers falling into it, will afford safe and capacious harbours for fleets of ships of any size and force, and dispatches may be conveyed or received with great facility to or from Europe, or any other part of the world. And lastly, the city is very capable of defence, with a small force, against numbers, there being only eighteen feet water within five miles thereof, and two large creeks running one on each side, and heading above the said city within a quarter of a mile of each other, and the ground in and near the city well calculated for works of defence.

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