

RESOLUTIONS.

government; by enlisting in their support a greater mass of intellectual force; These considerations entitle it to the highest regard from every enlightened community, more especially from a community whose government is maintained by a representation, mutable in its nature, and selected indiscriminately from the mass of the people: And whereas, the University of Maryland, under the patronage of the state, and the more immediate management of an able and learned faculty, has, in the course of a few years, notwithstanding the obstacles of limited means and formidable competition from older institutions, attained to a highly reputable rank, from which it not only reflects honour upon the state and the individuals who support it, but also contributes very extensively to the public advantage, as well in the large expenditure of money which it induces in the state, as by the facilities it affords to education. It is therefore deemed a subject of urgent importance that this institution should receive such aid and support from the government, as the public resources may enable it to afford: And whereas the professors of the University have, with a zeal highly honourable and patriotic, contributed from their personal means to the enlargement of the capacities of the institution, in the erection of additional buildings, and in the purchase of expensive and valuable apparatus, in order the better to promote the objects of the University, looking only for remuneration for these extraordinary expenditures from the future profits of the institution, and the gains of a lottery heretofore granted by the legislature: And whereas it is a matter of pressing necessity to the interests of the University, that some means should be resorted to, for the purpose of giving them such a credit as will enable them to borrow money for the completion of buildings now erecting, and hereafter to be erected, and the payments of debts now due; and as it is found to be a difficult matter to obtain loans upon the faith of the lottery or lotteries authorised by law, and as the state feels a very friendly disposition towards the encouragement of this valuable institution, and is disposed to extend towards it all the patronage and protection which the exhausted condition of the country, and the narrow means of the government, have left in its power; Therefore,

Resolved, That the regents of the University of Maryland be and they are hereby authorised to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, and that the state of Maryland is hereby obligated to pay the said loan or loans, or such part thereof as may remain unpaid, on the first day of June in the year eighteen hundred and twenty six, in five equal yearly payments, commencing on the said first day of June in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-six, and paying each subsequent payment on the first day of June in every year thereafter, until the whole amount shall be paid.

And further resolved, That the state will not assume the payment of the interest upon the said loan or loans, but that the payment of the same be left to the Regents and Faculty of the University, to be paid in such manner as they may deem proper.

And further resolved, That the said Regents shall from time to time faithfully apply the proceeds of the lottery or lotteries granted by law, to the extinguishment of the said loan or loans, until the whole amount of such loan or loans shall be paid, and in default of such faithful appropriation, the state is hereby declared to be free from any obligation in virtue of these resolutions.

And further resolved, That the state managers of the lottery or lotteries for the benefit of the University, to be appointed by virtue of an act of assembly passed at the present, shall report annually to the general assembly the condition of the funds of the University, derived from the said lottery or lotteries, what portion of said funds has been paid towards the extinguishment of the said loan or loans, and all other matter of importance in relation to the same.

And further resolved: That the faith of the state is hereby pledged for the fulfilment of any contract made in pursuance of these resolutions.

No. 15.

Passed Feb 10
In favour of Elizabeth L. Gassaway

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay to Elizabeth L. Gassaway, of the city of Annapolis; or to her order, in quarterly payments, during her widowhood, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a captain, as a further compensation for those services rendered by her late husband, John Gassaway, during the revolutionary war.

No. 16.

Passed Feb 12
Relative to furnishing the government house

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the governor a sum of money not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, for the purpose of furnishing the government house.

No. 17.

Passed Feb 24
In favour of Jonas Green

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised, to settle and adjust the account of Jonas Green for printing the edition of