

*Be it further resolved*, That the commissioners aforesaid shall report their proceedings under these resolutions to the governor of the state, as soon as practicable after they shall have executed the duties prescribed to them by these resolutions

*Be it further resolved*, That the governor of the state communicate the passage of these resolutions, as soon as possible, to the governor of Virginia, with a request that it may be laid before the general assembly of that state, as soon as practicable.

*Be it further resolved*, That the governor be requested to notify, within convenient time, each commissioner of his appointment.

*Be it further resolved*, That each commissioner appointed under these resolutions on the part of this state, shall receive four dollars per day for the time he shall be necessarily employed in the performance of the duties prescribed by this act, to be certified by the said commissioners, and that their chain carriers, and others to be employed by them, shall be entitled to receive such compensation as the commissioners shall certify to be just and reasonable, and the cost and charges hereby authorised shall be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, under the direction of the governor and council of this state; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to obtain, in such manner as they may think best, boats, if necessary, for the purpose of more effectually carrying the provisions of these resolutions into operation, to be paid for as before directed.

## No. 27.

**RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John Brewer clerk of the house of delegates, to John N. Watkins clerk of the senate, to John Robins Pitt assistant clerk of the house of delegates, and to Thomas J. Brice assistant clerk of the senate, the sum of one hundred dollars each, as an additional compensation for their extraordinary services during the present session.

## No. 28.

**WHEREAS** the owners of slaves in this state are frequently subjected to great imposition and serious inconvenience, from the constant and ready protection afforded their runaway negroes by the citizens of Pennsylvania, it is deemed necessary to call the attention of Congress to the subject. Whenever a runaway slave is pursued and found in Pennsylvania, every possible difficulty is thrown in the way, so as to prevent the recovery of such slave; there are persons always ready to lend every practicable aid in thwarting the just and legal efforts of the owner in the recovery of his negro. If the colour of legal proceedings fail, force is not unfrequently resorted to. As the present acts of congress are not sufficient to protect the rights of our citizens in relation to their negroes, and since the present state of things is not only vexatious to masters, but extremely pernicious and calculated to destroy the contentment and happiness of slaves; Therefore,

**RESOLVED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it is the duty of the Congress of the United States to enact such a law as will prevent a continuance of the evils here complained of.

**RESOLVED**, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward immediately, copies hereof to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, with a request that they will exert their influence in procuring the adoption of such measures as will effectually protect the rights of slave-holders.

## No. 29.

**RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to John Toomy, of Queen-Anne's county, or to his order, during life, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a corporal, as a further compensation for his services during the revolutionary war.

## No. 30.

**RESOLVED**, That the resolution passed at December session 1819, No. 39, in favour of William Coe, of Baltimore county, be rescinded

**RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to William Coe, now of the city of Annapolis, or to his order, during life, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private of matross, for services rendered during the revolutionary war.

## No. 31.

**RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to John Walker, of Frederick county, or to his order, during life, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a corporal, as a further compensation for those services rendered by him during the revolutionary war.

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