

tion in favor of Robert Walters, endorsed "assented to;" and the following resolutions:

BY THE SENATE, Nov. 19, 1811.

WHEREAS, It is highly important at this eventful crisis in our foreign relations, that the opinions and feelings of every section of the union should be fairly and fully expressed: Therefore, we the legislature of Maryland, do *Resolve*, That in the opinion of this legislature, the measures of the administration with respect to Great-Britain have been honorable, impartial and just; that in their negotiations they have evinced every disposition to terminate our differences on terms not incompatible with our national honor; and that they deserve the confidence and support of the nation.

*Resolved*, That the measures of Great-Britain have been, and still are destructive of our best and dearest rights; and being inconsistent with justice, with reason and with law, can be supported only by force; therefore if persisted in, by force should be resisted.

*Resolved*, That the measures of the administration, with respect to France, we highly approve. They have been fully authorised by the law and the fact.

*Resolved*, That the acts of injustice and violence committed on our neutral rights by France, have excited all that indignation which a lawless exercise of power could not fail to do; but having now ceased to violate our neutral rights, we trust the period is not far distant, when by acts of ample justice, all cause of complaint will be removed.

*Resolved*, That the president's message, temperate, impartial and decisive, deserves all our praise and support. It points out the best course to an honorable independence.

*Resolved*, That the independence established by the aid and valor of our fathers, will not tamely be yielded by their sons. The same spirit which led the freemen of Maryland to battle, still exists in the state, and waits only for its country's call.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Ck.

Which was read; and on motion by Mr. T. B. Hall, *Ordered*, That the same have a second reading on the 19th instant.

Mr. Sanders delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael M'Elhiney, of the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county, for a sale of part of the lot of land whereon the gaol stands, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, inasmuch as they conceive that the lot of ground and buildings thereon may be materially injured by a sale of that part of the said lot to him, as prayed for. It appears to your committee from an examination of a plot of the lot upon which the public gaol stands, that a narrow space only remains on each side of the gaol yard walls; which space appears to your committee to be actually necessary to prevent other buildings from being erected adjoining thereto, whereby prisoners