

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 9, 1809.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

WE propose on — next, if agreeable to your house, to go into a joint ballot for the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States; and to regulate the said election we have adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the person to be chosen shall be a resident of the western shore of the state of Maryland, and that the person having a majority of all the attending members of both houses of the general assembly, be declared duly elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States, and that a commission issue to the said senator appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, or in his absence by the presiding member of the council, in the following words, to wit: "The state of Maryland to —, Greeting. The General Assembly of Maryland, reposing especial confidence in your integrity and abilities, have appointed you senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States from the present time to the third day of March, eighteen hundred and —. Given under my hand, and the seal of this state, this — day of —, eighteen hundred and —."

On motion, by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at June session, eighteen hundred and nine, entitled, An act to alter the thirty-second and thirty-seventh articles of the constitution and form of government. ORDERED, That Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Lecompte and Mr. Bland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the appointment by the people of the justices of the levy court in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Brent and Mr. Kerr, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, by Mr. Archer, the following resolutions were read:

Whereas the present relations of the United States of America with the belligerent powers of Europe give us but little room to hope that they will speedily abandon those unlawful measures of retaliation on each other, and of violent and indefensible aggression and encroachment on the right of neutral states, which they have adopted, so inimical to the laws of nations and the free navigation of the seas; and our country, free, flourishing and independent, and resting, as the basis of its existence, upon the industry, public spirit, and disinterested patriotism of its citizens, contains within its bosom the seeds of almost every comfort, convenience and luxury, of the eastern hemisphere, which, if by careful and tender hands they be nurtured and cultivated, will flourish into maturity in the midst of a grateful people, grown by their assistance, and conducted by their prosperity, to a proud state of perfect and enviable independence on the commerce and manufactures of the nations of Europe: And whereas it is the indispensable duty of the representatives of an enlightened people, who are resolved to "live all free men, or die all slaves," to propose such measures, and enact such laws, as will be necessarily conducive to effectuate so desirable an object, and to place themselves and their constituents above the odious necessity of surrendering their dear bought and high prized independence at the altar of foreign usurpation, or of bowing in humble submission to the lawless and insulting orders in council of Great-Britain, or the unauthorised and illegal decrees of the French emperor: And whereas no measures which a state legislature could adopt would so effectually tend to rear these commendable intentions into actual existence, as a strict attention to the encouragement and promotion of domestic manufactures; therefore RESOLVED, by the general assembly of the state of Maryland, That they will make use of all means in their power constitutionally to further, protect, encourage and promote, the growth and progress of domestic manufactures.

RESOLVED, That for this purpose, liberal and effectual measures should be taken to encourage the raising and improving the breed of sheep.

RESOLVED, That sheep shall not be liable to assessment.

RESOLVED, That sheep shall be protected in the hands of every individual from execution or attachment.

RESOLVED, That any company of militia within the boundaries of the state of Maryland, which shall cloath themselves in a full uniform of cloth of domestic manufacture, shall be completely armed and accoutred at the expense of the state.

RESOLVED, That a sum of — dollars shall be paid from the state for every full blooded Merino ram, not exceeding — in number, and — dollars for every ewe of the same breed, not exceeding — in number, that shall be brought, permanently to remain in this state, within — years.

RESOLVED, That the assessors in the several counties of this state shall make a return to the commissioners of the tax for the said counties, the number of sheep owned by each person within the district for which he shall be appointed, and the commissioners of the tax shall annually transmit to the house of delegates the names of those who shall own — sheep above the number of —; and the — names of such persons, and that of the counties in which they severally reside, together with the number of their flocks, shall be recorded to perpetuate their patriotism, and to afford to the citizens a good example, in the journals of the house.

RESOLVED, That the Executive shall be authorised to subscribe, for the use of the state, for — shares in any company which is or may be hereafter formed in this state for the purpose of increasing the breed of sheep, and for — shares in any company which may be formed for the promotion of domestic manufactures of