

manded.—and estimating as we do the public press of this country as being beyond comparison the most efficient engine for the diffusion of useful information, and as, at all times, being the most secure palladium of our free and happy institutions. Therefore,

*Resolved*, As the opinion of the General Assembly of Maryland, that the charge imposed upon the transportation of newspapers by mail, as it tends greatly to obstruct their circulation and prevent the diffusion of intelligence, is unnecessary, impolitic and unwise.

*Resolved*, That the Senators of this state, in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and the representatives requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law for the total abolition of the postage on newspapers throughout the Union.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to the Senators and Representatives of this State, and also to the Governors of the other states, that the same may be submitted to the Legislatures thereof for their consideration.

Which were read.

Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on divorces, delivered the following report:

The committee on divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Finrock, have had the same under their consideration, and ask leave to report,

That from the tenor of the petition, they are of opinion that it does not come under their notice. They, therefore, beg leave to be excused from any further notice of said petition, and would most respectfully propose to refer it with the accompanying papers, to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

John Mitchell, Chairman.

By order,

B. W. Seegar, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Turner, of Baltimore, the petition mentioned in said report, was then referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Teackle, from the joint committee on the state library, submitted the following resolution:

By the House of Delegates,

January 19th, 1832.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State Librarian, be, and he is hereby authorised under