

of the United States, has not yet been refunded to the state, although frequent requests therefor have been made; and, whereas, several reports have been made to Congress by the committees thereof, at various times, all agreeing that said sum of money is justly due and owing to the State of Maryland, and the bills for the repayment thereof have several times been passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, but never by both during the same Congress; therefore—

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to use their best endeavors to obtain the passage of a law by Congress to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the State of Maryland the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, with interest, which was so as aforesaid advanced by the state to the General Government in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, for the purpose of erecting public buildings.

Request to refund.

*Resolved,* That his Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to forward a copy of these resolutions, under the great seal of the state, to our representatives in Congress.

Forward copy of resolutions.

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**No. 4.**

Joint resolution of thanks to the Oyster Commission and discharging them from any further consideration of the subject.

WHEREAS the commissioners appointed under the resolution of the last general assembly to examine into the condition of the oyster beds of the state, and to report the same to this general assembly with such recommendations as will conduce to the better protection of this important industry, having duly made and submitted their report to the present legislature; therefore—

Preamble.

1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the thanks of the General Assembly of Maryland are due and are hereby tendered to the said