

No. 17.

Resolution authorising the joint committee on the Library to procure from London certain Books. Passed Feb. 4,
1837.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland. That the joint committee on the Library, be, and they are hereby authorised to procure from London, the several books recommended by the Librarian, for the use of the Library, or such of them as they may think proper, and that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay the cost of the same, on the order of the said joint committee, or a majority thereof, the cost of the same not to exceed one hundred dollars.

No. 18.

Preamble and resolutions relative to a reduction of the existing duties imposed on the introduction of Tobacco. Passed Feb. 4,
1837.

WHEREAS, it is important to the interest and prosperity of a large portion of the people of the United States, and particularly to the people of the States of Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri, that in the future adjustment by Congress of the tariff system, a just and equal regard should be had to the article of Tobacco, an agricultural product which has hitherto been entirely neglected by the Government, as well in its intercourse with foreign nations as in its general legislation: *and whereas*, the high duties which are imposed by most foreign nations upon the introduction of Tobacco within their ports, operate as a prohibition upon its consumption, and consequently tend to the manifest injury of the grower, by diminishing its value: *and whereas*, it is believed that arrangements may be made, and negotiations had, with most foreign governments, by which the article of tobacco may be more freely admitted, and with less duty than is at present imposed, if a proper and reasonable degree of solicitude is entertained and manifested by the government in its diplomatic relations with these nations: *and whereas*, it is but just and reasonable, that