

RESOLUTIONS.

1841.

its costly public buildings, its invaluable archives and so forth and more than all, the honor and dignity of the nation.

*Resolved*, That the governor, be and he is hereby requested, to cause a copy of the foregoing resolutions, to be sent to each of the senators and representatives of this State, in the congress of the United States, to be laid before the two houses of congress.

No. 15.

Resolutions in relation to the Santa Fe Traders, &c.

Passed Feb.  
28, 1842.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that an expedition of traders from Texas to Mexico, was captured and made prisoners at Santa Fe, and are now held in captivity by the government of Mexico; *and whereas*, it is further represented that John T. Howard, a citizen of Maryland, and others, citizens of other States accompanied said expedition, and it is the duty of the government of the United States, to extend to its citizens under all circumstances, such relief and protection as it is within its competency to grant—therefore.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That his excellency the President of the United States, be requested to use such means as the constitution of the United States, and the public law of nations may authorize for ameliorating the condition of the persons captured as aforesaid, and especially for the purpose of protecting and demanding such citizens of the United States as may have accompanied said expedition.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor, be requested to cause a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to be forwarded to the President of the United States, and also to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

No. 16.

Preamble and Resolution in relation to the District of Columbia.

Passed Feb.  
28, 1842.

WHEREAS, in the acts of cession of the State of Maryland and Virginia, ceding to the congress and government