

1841.

RESOLUTIONS.

of the United States, that portion of territory now called the District of Columbia, it is expressly provided, that nothing therein contained shall be construed to vest in the United States any right of property in the soil, or to affect the rights of individuals therein, otherwise than the same shall or may be transferred by such individuals to the United States; and whereas, the inhabitants of said district have now where transferred to the United States, any right of dis- possession of property in their slaves, or any control over the same.

Be it therefore resolved unanimously by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the congress of the United States does not possess the power to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, and that any such assumption of power would be contrary to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, and in direct violation of the terms and conditions upon which the cession of the District of Columbia was made to the congress and government of the United States.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor, be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolutions to our representatives and senators in congress, and to the governors of the several States of this union.

No. 17.

Passed March
1, 1842.

Preamble and Resolution in favor of George D. Coad.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this legislature, that George D. Coad, has rendered important professional services as attorney for the State, in Saint Mary's county, in the cases of the State vs. William Reeder and others, and the State vs. Richard Milus, for which services under existing laws he can receive no immediate compensation; and whereas, it is but just that services rendered to the State, should be rewarded.

Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John M. S. Causin, for the use of George D. Coad, the sum of one hundred dollars, as a compensation for the conduct and argument of the said cases.