

entitled, consistent with his obligation to maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be, and he is hereby authorised and requested to appoint some suitable person as a Commissioner, to repair to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and endeavor to procure the dismissal of the prosecutions pending against the said Nathan S. Bemis, Jacob Forwood, Edward Prigg, and Stephen Lewis, citizens of Maryland, or make such arrangements as may be necessary to refer the questions involved, to the Supreme Court of the United States, without compromising the liberty of the accused, and obtain such modification of the laws of Pennsylvania as will preserve the rights of slave holders, and cherish good will between the two States; and the Treasurer of the Western Shore is hereby authorised and directed to pay, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, such amount as the Legislature may allow to the said Commissioner, as a compensation for the services contemplated by these resolutions.