

1845.

RESOLUTIONS.

No. 3.

Passed Jan. 19, 1846. Preamble and Resolutions in relation to the Anacostia Bridge, to cause the same to be made a free bridge, &c.

Preamble. WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States have at sundry times made appropriations of a large amount of money for the construction of free bridges across the Potomac river within the District of Columbia, which have conferred important advantages upon the citizens of Virginia, and others, by enabling them to approach the seat of Government with increased facility, especially those who frequent the markets of the district for the purpose of selling their produce; and whereas, the Government of the United States was instituted for the good of all its citizens, and any distinction with the view of conferring rights and immunities upon some, and withholding them from others, is repugnant to its genius, character and institutions; and whereas, the Congress of the United States having heretofore declined or neglected to make free the bridges over the Anacostia or Eastern Branch of the Potomac, thereby seriously affecting the interests of the citizens of Maryland who attend the markets in the District of Columbia, and who are forced to pay a heavy tax in the shape of tolls on their produce, from which those residing on the South side of the Potomac have been relieved by the Congress of the United States—therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to give their prompt and earnest attention to the subject, and to use their best exertions to obtain the passage of a law by Congress, making the bridges over the Anacostia or Eastern Branch of the Potomac free.

*Resolved,* That his Excellency the Governor, be respectfully requested to transmit to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution.

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No. 4.

Passed Jan. 19, 1846. Resolution authorising and directing the Treasurer to convert the Bank Stock now standing to the credit of the Sinking Fund, into stocks of this State.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorised and direct-