

Preamble and resolution, tendering the thanks of the Legislature to Lieut. Raphael Semmes, of the United States Navy, for his gallant conduct during the present war with Mexico. Passed
Feb. 25, 1843.

WHEREAS, Lieut. Raphael Semmes, of the United States Navy, a native of this State, having distinguished himself by his gallantry in the naval battery at the siege and bombardment of Vera Cruz, and as aid to General Worth at the battles of Contreras, Cherubusco, Molino del Rey, Chapultepec, and the city of Mexico, and in the language of Gen. Worth's report to the General-in-Chief:

"To Lieut. Semmes, of the Navy, volunteer aid-de-camp, the most cordial thanks of the General of the division are tendered, for his uniform gallantry and assistance, and the General-in-chief is requested to present the conduct of this accomplished and gallant officer to the special notice of the chief of his distinguished branch of the public service, our glorious navy"—Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the thanks and congratulations of the Legislature of his native State are hereby tendered to Lieut. Semmes, for his gallant conduct during the present war with Mexico, and we cordially recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Executive of our National Government for promotion.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit to Lieut. Raphael Semmes a copy of the foregoing resolution, also a copy to the President of the United States, duly authenticated.

No. 59.

Resolution for the foreclosure of mortgages in certain cases. Passed
March 8, 1848.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever in the opinion of both the Governor and the Treasurer, the public interest shall so require, during the recess of the Legislature, they shall address to the Attorney General a joint letter, directing him to foreclose any mortgage or enforce any lien held by this State upon any work of internal improvement.