

R E S O L U T I O N S.

Whereas the contract entered into between the state, by its agent Randolph Brandt Latimer, of the one part, and James Williams and Uriah Forrest, of the other part, hath been vacated by a decree of the court of chancery, passed on the eighth day of January, eighteen hundred and five, in a cause wherein the said James Williams, Uriah Forrest and Benjamin Stoddert, were complainants, and the state of Maryland, or Luther Martin, the attorney-general, defendants, and the bonds given for the purchase money ordered by the authority of the said court to be delivered up: And whereas a certain sum hath been paid into the treasury under the said contract: And whereas the aforesaid Uriah Forrest hath passed his bond to the state of Maryland, dated on the twenty-seventh day of August, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, conditioned for the payment of the sum of six hundred and thirteen pounds eleven shillings and six-pence current money, and the said James Williams and John Guyer have passed their bonds to the said state, dated on or about the first day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, conditioned for the payment of eight hundred and thirty-four pounds twelve shillings and six-pence current money, and the said petitioner being willing that the aforesaid money, so paid into the treasury under the contract aforesaid, should, in the first place, be applied to the discharge of the said two last mentioned bonds, as of the time on which the said money was paid into the treasury, and it being a matter of judicial cognizance, whether any and what sum the state ought to refund to the petitioner, or the other parties to the contract herein first before stated; therefore **RESOLVED**, That the court of chancery determine in the case aforesaid according to the principles of equity, whether any and what sum is to be refunded to the complainants, or any of them; and if the said court shall determine that any money shall be refunded by the state, then the same shall be applied, in the first place, to the payment of the bond given by Uriah Forrest as aforesaid, secondly, in payment of the bond given by James Williams and John Guyer as aforesaid, as of such times respectively as the said court shall decree, and the balance, if any, to be paid to the said complainants, or such of them as the said court shall decree; provided, that no interest be allowed on such balance as may appear to be due, after the application as aforesaid; and the treasurer of the western shore shall, (if it should be so decreed,) deliver to the parties respectively their bond aforesaid, and pay such sum of money as shall be decreed by the court of chancery.

RESOLVED, That the assignees under the assignment from Mr. Chase of the twenty-sixth of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and the act by which it was authorised, are not of right entitled to the dividends accruing upon the Maryland stock, between the time of the passing of said act and the said assignment, and that the person or persons who shall be authorised and appointed to receive a transfer of the Maryland stock, now held in the name of the honourable James Munroe for the use of the state, be and he or they are hereby authorised and empowered to require and receive from Osgood Hanbury and Sampson Hanbury, and John Lloyd, executor of Osgood Hanbury, a transfer according to an agreement made between them and William Pinkney, Esquire, of date the fifteenth of August, eighteen hundred and four, in the premises, of the sums of four hundred and twenty-eight pounds bank stock, thirty-five pounds five per cent. annuities seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, twenty-nine pounds five per cent. navy, and twenty-five pounds cash.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to give instructions to the person or persons who shall be appointed in virtue of the act, entitled, An act relative to the stock of the bank of England belonging to the state of Maryland, to vest the amount of sales of the stock in the funds of England belonging to the state of Maryland, and also the cash which has been or may be received for dividends thereon, in such stock of the United States as shall be most advantageous to the interest of this state, and to transmit the evidences of such stock, and the necessary powers of attorney to transfer the same; and complete said transfer on the books of the treasury of the United States, and the same shall be entered thereon in the name of said treasurer, in behalf of and for the use of the state of Maryland, and that the said stock of the United States, when transferred and held as aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby made subject to the appropriation of the legislature.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorised to allow the person or persons appointed in virtue of the said act, for his or their service, a commission not exceeding one per cent. on the amount of the stock of the United States which shall be entered and held as aforesaid on the books of the treasury of the United States for the use of the state of Maryland.

THE resolutions purporting to be the "doings of the legislature of the state of Massachusetts," having been laid before the legislature, by the governor of Maryland, and due deliberation having been had thereon, **RESOLVED**, That in the opinion of the legislature of Maryland, the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the commonwealth of Massachusetts, ought not to be adopted.

RESOLVED, That the state of Maryland, by the principle of representation adopted by the constitution of the United States, having its full influence in the councils of the union, it would be unwise to diminish or relinquish it. This principle ought not to be a source of clamour or complaint in any state where a mixed population doth not exist; in those states where it doth exist, they are subjected to additional taxation, as taxation is apportioned according to representation; the principle of representation was the result of a spirit of accommodation and mutual concession; it is one of those fundamental parts of the constitution which ought not to be invaded. The amendment proposed, in the opinion of this legislature, is calculated to shake the union,