

ry should be established in a central and convenient position; *and whereas*, in the opinion of this Legislature the town of Havre de Grace, in this State, possesses those advantages in an eminent degree, being situated at the head of the Chesapeake Bay, and at the termination of the tide water canal, now nearly completed, which, by its connection with the great works of the State of Pennsylvania, unites the waters of said Bay with the waters of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, passing through one of the richest mineral regions in these United States, thereby affording the best means for the transportation of the raw material from its deposite to a site at all times accessible by sea and by land, and which combines the additional advantage of being remarkable for health, and easy of defence against a foreign enemy in time of war.—Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to call the attention of their respective houses to this subject, and to use their best exertions to secure the erection of said Foundry at or near Havre de Grace, in this State.

Resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

No. 79.

Passed Mar. 7, Resolutions declaratory of the rights of the Citizens
1838. of this State over their Fugitive Slaves.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the right of reclaiming "fugitives from labor," having been recognized by the several States, prior to the adoption of the Federal Constitution, and being guaranteed by that instrument, cannot be abridged, restrained or embarrassed by the legislation of any State in the Union.

Resolved, That a citizen of Maryland, exercising the right of arresting and removing his fugitive slave