

RESOLUTIONS.

CHAPTER I.

In the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Preamble.

THE people of the United States by the adoption of the federal constitution established a general government for special purposes, reserving to themselves respectively, the rights and authorities not delegated in that instrument. To the compact thereby created, each state acceded in its character as a state, and is a party; the United States forming as to it, the other party. The act of union thus entered into, being to all intents and purposes a treaty between sovereign states, the general government by this treaty was not constituted the exclusive or final judge of the powers it was to exercise; for if it were so to judge, then its judgment and not the constitution would be the measure of its authority.

Should the general government in any of its departments violate the provisions of the constitution, it rests with the states, and with the people, to apply suitable remedies.

With these impressions, the legislature of Pennsylvania, ever solicitous to secure an administration of the federal and state governments, conformably to the true spirit of their respective constitutions, feel it their duty to express their sentiments upon an important subject now before congress, viz. the continuance, or establishment of a bank. From a careful review of the powers vested in the general government, they have the most positive conviction that the authority to grant charters of incorporation, within the jurisdiction of any state without the consent thereof is not recognized in that instrument, either expressly, or by any warrantable implication; Therefore,

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met,

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the renewal of
the charter of the
bank of the Unit-
ed States; or any
bank being char-
tered by congress
in any of the
states, without
the consent of
the legislature
thereof.

That the senators of this state in the senate of the United States, be, and they are hereby instructed, and the representatives of this state in the house of representatives of the United States be, and they hereby are requested to use every exertion in their power, to prevent the charter of the bank of the United States from being renewed, or any other bank from being chartered by congress, designed to have operation within the jurisdiction of any state, without first having obtained the consent of the legislature of such state.

Resolved, That the governor be, and he hereby is requested to forward a copy of the above preamble and resolution, to

each of the senators and representatives of this state, in the congress of the United States.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

In the House of Representatives, January 11, 1811.

Read and adopted.

Attest,

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CHAPTER II.

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WHEREAS the telescope and apparatus thereto belonging, the property of this commonwealth, were in pursuance of a resolution of the general assembly of the sixth of April, one thousand eight hundred and two, presented to Andrew Ellicott for his use, during the pleasure of the legislature; *And whereas* it is proper that the same be placed under the care of an officer of the government, responsible for the safe keeping thereof; Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met,

That the secretary of the commonwealth, be, and he is hereby authorized to demand and receive of and from Andrew Ellicott, the telescope and apparatus thereto belonging, the property of this commonwealth, and now in his possession, and to take proper care of the same, until otherwise disposed of by the legislature.

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CHAPTER III.

Secretary to deliver to members of the legislature certain copies of acts of congress.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the secretary of the commonwealth be and he is hereby directed to deliver to each member thereof respectively, one copy of the laws passed by congress at the session of one thousand eight hundred and nine---ten.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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CHAPTER IV.

Secretary of the commonwealth directed to distribute Bioren's new edition of the laws.

To whom.

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penitentiary house of Philadelphia, one copy; and to sheriffs, county treasurers, and deputy-surveyors for the use of their offices, and to be delivered to their successors respectively, one copy each; *Provided*, That no person shall be entitled to more than one copy by reason of his holding two or more offices; and the remainder of the copies of said edition shall be retained in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth subject to the future disposition of the legislature.

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How the legality of certain certificates to be tried.

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CHAPTER VI.

RESOLVED *by the Senate and House of Representatives,*

Certain copies of laws and Bache's manual to be forwarded, &c.

That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the commonwealth to forward to the prothonotaries of the several counties in this state, a copy of the laws passed during the present session and so many of the volumes of the laws printed by John Bioren, agreeably to a law passed February the twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and ten as shall be delivered to him by the printer in due time, and also Bache's manual to be forwarded with the laws and journals of the present session, and such part of the work as may not then be ready for distribution. shall be delivered by the secretary of the commonwealth on the order of the members of the present legislature and officers thereof respectively.

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