

result of solemn deliberation, sound wisdom and imperious necessity.

2. *Resolved*, that the sword being drawn should never be sheathed till our wrongs are redressed, our commerce unfettered, and our citizens freed from the danger of British impressment, of imprisonment in the floating dungeons of the British navy, and the painful necessity of fighting the battles of an inveterate enemy, against their fathers, their brethren, their native country, and their friends.

3. *Resolved*, that to exert all the energies of his body and of his mind and to devote his property, to bring the existing war to a speedy just and honourable issue and to teach our insolent foe that the Americans are as free from timidity and weakness in battle, as from covert and disguise in negotiating, is a duty which every citizen of the Union owes to himself, to his country, and to his God.

4. *Resolved*, that with painful regret we contemplate the refusal by the executive authorities of some of the states in the Union, to furnish, on the president's demand, their quota of militia for the defence of the sea coast, and that with confidence we expect from the national legislature, a prompt attention to this alarming and unprecedented occurrence.

5. *Resolved*, that the promptness and the zeal with which the governor of this commonwealth executed the military orders of the president since the commencement of hostilities, entitle him to the gratitude of this general assembly of Pennsylvania, and of the nation.

6. *Resolved*, that the governor of this commonwealth be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the president of the United States, with a request that he communicate them to congress.

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

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

In the House of Representatives December 16th, 1812—
Read and adopted.—Attest,

GEO. HECKERT, *Clerk,*
of the House of Representatives.

In Senate, December 10th, 1812; read and adopted—Attest,
JOSEPH A. M'JIMSEY, *Clerk*
of the Senate.

CHAPTER II.

RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in general assembly met, That the secretary of the commonwealth be, and he is hereby directed to furnish each mem-

ber of the present legislature, and the door keeper of the senate, with one full set of the laws of Pennsylvania, published by John Bioren, and one copy of Purden's abridgment (excepting those members who have already been supplied,) and also with one copy of the pamphlet laws passed at the last session, and of the present session, when published.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER III.

WHEREAS the interference of the legislature of Pennsylvania in causing an inquiry to be made, relative to the perfection or imperfection of newly invented machinery, is not without precedent: *and whereas*, it has been represented that Charles Readhefer, of the county of Philadelphia, has invented a machine, declared, not only by the inventor, but by many intelligent persons to possess the power of self motion. *And whereas*, should it be ascertained that those opinions are correctly founded, not only great honour would be conferred upon this commonwealth, but incalculable advantages would be derived from the invention, by the people of the United States especially, and by mankind in general. *And whereas*, on the other hand, should the machine be found to be imperfect, the public interest would be promoted by exposing its fallacy; *and whereas*, the legislature of this commonwealth reposes confidence in the integrity and qualifications of Henry Voight, Robert Patterson, Nathan Sellers and Oliver Evans, of the city of Philadelphia; Archibald Binny, Lewis Wermwag and Josiah White, of the county of Philadelphia; and Samuel D. Ingham, of the county of Bucks: Therefore,

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, That Henry Voight, Robert Patterson, Nathan Sellers, Oliver Evans, Archibald Binny, Lewis Wermwag, Josiah White, and Samuel D. Ingham be, and they are hereby, requested to make a strict examination of the machine invented by Charles Readhefer, and to make as specific representation respecting it as its alleged importance and the public expectation require.

Resolved, That the secretary of the commonwealth be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing pream-