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-

ble and resolution to each of the persons named therein, and also to Charles Readhefer.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

In the House of Representatives, December 14th, 1812 ; read and adopted.

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

In Senate, December 17th, 1812 ; read and adopted.

JOSEPH A. M'JIMSEY, *Clerk*
of the Senate.

CHAPTER IV.

WHEREAS the commonwealth of Pennsylvania entertains a high sense of the distinguished skill and gallantry displayed by the officers and crews of the ships United States and Wasp, in their late victories over a powerful enemy ; and looks with peculiar pride on the share which her native sons have had in these illustrious events. To express these sentiments to the world, and at the same time to bestow on them the most grateful reward of valour, the public approbation of their fellow citizens: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvnia, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to present the thanks of this commonwealth to commodore Stephen Decatur, of the frigate United States, and lieutenant James Biddle, of the ship Wasp, for their distinguished gallantry and skill in their late engagements ; and likewise to procure for and present to each of them, in the name of this commonwealth, an appropriate sword, the expense of which shall not exceed four hundred dollars.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the sixteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER V.

RESOLVED *by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met,*