

RESOLUTIONS.

CHAPTER I.

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 directed to furnish each member of the present legislature, (who have not already received the same) with one full set of Smith's edition of the **Laws of Pennsylvania**, and with one copy of the **Pamphlet Laws**, passed at the last session of the legislature.

ROBERT SMITH, *Speaker of the house of Representatives.*

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

APPROVED—the twentieth day of **December**, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER II.

CONSIDERING that some of the gallant defenders of our country, who have been captured in honourable combat with the enemy, have been seized as traitors, and thrown into prison, perhaps to languish out a painful existence of privation and disease, or to receive judgment and sentence from a tribunal where power shall take the place of justice and vengeance usurp the seat of reason—**WE** the Senate and house of **Representatives** of the commonwealth of **Pennsylvania** do adopt the following resolutions.

RESOLVED, that we view with high approbation the decisive spirit and firmness which the national authorities have manifested in securing hostages for the safety of those defenders of the republic, who are threatened with the penalties of treason against Great Britain. And while we are deeply anxious, that a sanguinary result may be averted, and that the calamities of the war may be unembittered by unnecessary bloodshed or cruelty, we are, nevertheless prepared under all circumstances to support our government in every measure of just retaliation, to which it may be driven by the violence of the enemy.

RESOLVED, that the governor be requested to communi-

cate a copy of the foregoing resolution to the President, with a request that he lay it before Congress.

ROBERT SMITH, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

In the House of Representatives, January 14th, 1814—Read and adopted.

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

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

In Senate, January 18th, 1814—Read and adopted.

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

CHAPTER III.

THE legislature of Pennsylvania believing that the gratitude and applause of a free people, are the most acceptable and honourable rewards of great and glorious actions, do in the name of the people of this state, hereby express the high sense which they entertain of the character and consequences of the victory, achieved on the tenth of September last, on Lake Erie, by the American fleet under the command of O. H. PERRY, over a British fleet, of superior force, commanded by Captain Barclay: a victory, not more distinguished by the bravery and skill displayed in the achievement, than by the clemency with which it was followed on the part of the illustrious conqueror: Be it therefore

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, That the governor be, and he is hereby requested to convey the thanks of the government of this commonwealth to Captain *Oliver Hazard Perry*, for the brilliant action, in which he succeeded in capturing his Britannic majesty's fleet on Lake Erie; and likewise to procure for, and present to him, in compliment of the said victory, a Gold Medal of fine workmanship, emblematically finished with the flag of our country, and noting him as commander in chief; with such other devices as the governor shall direct.

Resolved, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to convey the thanks of the government of this commonwealth to master commandant *Jesse Duncan Elliott* and lieutenant *John F. Yarnall*, for their gallant and brave conduct, and the able assistance they gave to their commander in the said engagement; and that he likewise procure for, and present to each of them in compliment of the said victory, a Gold Medal of fine workmanship, emblematically finished in such manner as the governor shall direct.

Resolved, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to convey the thanks of the government of this commonwealth to those citizens of Pennsylvania, who nobly and gallantly volunteered on board of the American squadron on Lake Erie; and that he likewise procure and present to each of them, in compliment of their patriotism and bravery, a Silver Medal of the weight of two dollars, with each person's name thereon,