

RESOLUTIONS.

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WHEREAS a port of entry is established by the United States at the town of Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, for the harbour of Presque-Isle, where it may be necessary for the collector of the port to seize and libel vessels sailing and trading to and from foreign ports and harbours: And whereas, inconveniences of great magnitude are experienced by the inhabitants residing in the western and northern parts of this state, living remote from the city of Philadelphia, by reason of being sued and impleaded in the circuit court of the United States in and for the district of Pennsylvania, and compelling their attendance at a very great distance: And whereas it is just and right that the distribution of justice should be brought home to every man, and administered without delay as nearly as the nature and circumstances of the government will admit: Therefore,

RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the senators from this state in the Congress 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 are hereby requested to use their endeavors to procure the passage of a law dividing the state of Pennsylvania into two districts, and establishing a district and circuit court of the United States at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny.

Resolved, That the governor direct the secretary to furnish an authenticated copy of the foregoing resolution to each of the senators and representatives of this state in the Congress of the United States.

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JOHN TOD, *Speaker* of the Senate.

In the House of Representatives, January 10th, 1816—Read second time and adopted.

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In Senate, January 24th, 1816—Read second time and adopted.

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APPROVED—the fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

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RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That they solemnly protest against the passage and operation of the act of the Legislature of New-Jersey, passed on the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, junior, and Peter J. Smith, and the survivors of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island with the main land at Bloomsbury," and of the supplement thereto, passed on the tenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Resolved, That the governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby authorised and directed (if the state of New-Jersey shall on their part authorise the same) to cause a case to be stated and submitted in argument to the determination of the Supreme Court of the United States, at such time, place and manner as may be directed by the judges of the said court, so as to enable them to determine whether the said acts contravene any agreement between the two states, or in any degree violate the rights and privileges of their citizens; and in case any fact deemed requisite to be set forth in such statement, shall not be admitted by both parties, the same shall be examined into, ascertained and reported to said court by three commissioners, or a majority of them, who shall be appointed by the said court from any adjoining state, and receive for their services at the rate of six dollars per diem, to be paid, together with all other expenses of said proceedings, by the state against whom the decision of the court shall be given.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted by the governor of this state to the governor of New-Jersey.

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In Senate, March 13th, 1816—Read second time and adopted.

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