

# RESOLUTIONS.

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### RESOLUTION

Relative to a distribution of the work of Samuel Roberts on the British Statutes, and Smith's edition of the laws of Pennsylvania.

*RESOLVED* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be, and he is hereby required to supply the Governor with one copy of Samuel Roberts' work on the British statutes, the late Governor with one copy, the judges of the supreme court with one copy each, the presidents of the courts of common pleas with one copy each, the judges of the district court for the city and county of Philadelphia with one copy each, the recorder of the city of Philadelphia, the recorder of the city of Pittsburg, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Auditor General, the Surveyor General, the State Treasurer, and the Secretary of the Land Office, for the use of their respective offices, with one copy each; and that he also supply each member of the Senate and of the House of Representatives who have not heretofore received the same with one copy and also with a copy of Smith's edition of the Laws of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

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

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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 instructed, and the members of the House of Representatives be 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 the city of 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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WHEREAS the port of Philadelphia, and the ports of entry and discharge in the state of Delaware, are situate on the same navigable water. And whereas numerous vessels have arrived in the past season, and more may arrive with German and other passengers. And whereas from the crowded state of many of those vessels, and from the want of an adequate

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supply of provisions and medicine, as well as from other causes, many lives have been lost, and much privation endured by those unfortunate people. And whereas the legislature of Pennsylvania have passed two laws tending to secure the health, comfort and convenience, as well as for the protection generally of the before mentioned persons; the humane provisions of which may be in a great degree defeated unless regulations of the same, or of a similar import shall be adopted by the state of Delaware.

Be it therefore,

*RESOLVED* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to transmit to the Governor of the state of Delaware, copies of the law for establishing a board of health for the port of Philadelphia, and the law relative to German and other passengers, with a request that he would lay the same before the legislature and invite their adoption of similar regulations.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,  
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APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.