

No. 6.

Resolution

Relative to the distribution of the proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, by the official statements from the treasury-^{Preamble:} department of the United States, it appears there will be an unappropriated balance in the treasury, above the ordinary demands of the government, subject to the action of congress during the present session; *And whereas*, it is presumed that the wisdom of congress will not suffer that fund to accumulate in the treasury, without devising means by which it can be usefully employed for the benefit of the people of this Union; *And whereas*, some of our sister states deny to congress the constitutional power of making internal improvements in the several states, while all seem to admit the power and propriety of distributing the proceeds arising from, or which may have arisen from the sale of the public lands, amongst the several states, subject to the control of their respective legislatures; *And whereas*, the proportion to which Pennsylvania would be entitled, should such distribution be made, would enable her to complete her public works, and establish a fund for the support of common schools, which would preclude the necessity of taxation for either purpose; *And whereas*, it is the policy of our government to guard against the increase of executive patronage, and especially against the accumulation of large sums of money in the treasury unappropriated; *And whereas*, a very large proportion of the surplus revenue arises from the sales of the public lands, the joint property of all the states, which is regarded as a source of revenue which ought to be applied in the promotion of education, by establishing a system of common schools, to the purposes of internal improvement, or such other purposes as will best promote the interest of the states respectively; Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be recommended, to use their influence to procure the passage of a law to distribute the proceeds arising, or which may have arisen, from the sale of the public lands, amongst the several states, in proportion to the number of members from each state in the House of Representatives of the United States. ^{Relative to the distribution of the proceeds of sales of public lands.}

Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be recommended, to vote for a liberal

Fortifications and judicious expenditure of public money for the completion and construction of fortifications for the common defence.

Governor to forward copies to senators & members of congress. *Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to forward to each of our senators and members of congress from Pennsylvania, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, and also to the Governors of the several states, with a request that they shall be laid before their state legislatures, requesting their co-operation.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fifteenth day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

JOS: RITNER.

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No. 7.

Resolution

Authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the Commissioners of the Internal Improvement fund, the unappropriated balance of two millions of dollars, amounting, after deducting specific appropriations, to forty-seven thousand two hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty-six cents.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the State Treasurer be authorized and required to pay to the commissioners of the internal improvement fund, for the use of the motive power fund on the Philadelphia and Columbia railway, the unappropriated balance of the sum of two millions of dollars, amounting, after deducting specific appropriations, to forty-seven thousand two hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty-six cents, or thereabouts, payable by the Bank of the United States to the commonwealth, by virtue of the act of eighteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventeenth day of March, A. D., eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

JOS: RITNER.