

No. 5.

RESOLUTION

Relative to the free use of the Louisville and Portland canal.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the navigation of the river Ohio is of great importance to the people of Pennsylvania, and every proposition to improve it should receive the favorable consideration of their representatives; And whereas, the Legislature of Pennsylvania have learned that a bill has been reported in the Senate of the United States for the purpose of enabling the General Government to open the Louisville and Portland canal in the state of Kentucky, and render the same free for the passage of boats and other craft that may ascend or descend said river; And whereas, if this purpose should be effected, a great difficulty that now exists in the navigation of the said river would be obviated, and the interests of the citizens of this state, concerned in the western trade, would be thereby greatly promoted, and the general prosperity of the Commonwealth advanced; Therefore,

Free passage
of canal re-
commended.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this state, be requested to use their best exertions to obtain the passage of a law to enable the General Government to open and render free for the passage of boats and other craft, the Louisville and Portland canal.

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JESSE R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

GEO. WOLF.



No. 6.

RESOLUTION

Relative to the distribution of the proceeds of the Public Lands of the United States.

WHEREAS, the period is fast approaching, when by means of the revenue arising from bank stock, the duties on im-

ports and the public lands, the national debt will be extinguished, and there will be a surplus in the national treasury, after defraying the ordinary expenses of government: *And whereas,* the United States acquired their title to, and jurisdiction over, the public lands, by the cessions of several of the states, made for the common benefit of the Union, and by purchase, out of the funds of the general government; and the said lands thus acquired, form a part of the national stock, and furnish an important branch of the public revenues, applicable to the relief of the public burdens: *And whereas,* on the extinguishment of the public debt of the United States, the revenues drawn from the sale of the public lands will be no longer required for the purposes of the general government, and it is right and proper that they should be distributed among the several states: *And whereas,* the distribution of the surplus proceeds, arising from the sale of the public lands, involves a question of national property and national policy, on which it is proper for the constituted authorities of the state to express an opinion; Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That in the opinion of this Legislature, the proceeds of the public lands of the United States, when no longer required for the payment of the public debt, ought to be distributed among the several states of the Union, in just and equitable proportions, and any proper measure calculated to effect this object, will meet our cordial approbation.

And be it further resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit the foregoing to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JESSE R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-sixth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 7.

RESOLUTION

Relative to the Culvert at Hardwicke run, on the Columbia rail road, near Lancaster.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the canal commissioners be and they are hereby au-