

In compliance with Resolution No 12, passed at the last session, the Agent advertised for sale the tract of land in Allegany county called "Robey's Delight, containing four hundred and twenty one acres, but has not received any offer for it. The former purchaser of the tract of land called "Now or Never," containing six hundred acres, (which by Resolution No. 15, the Agent was authorised to secure,) has agreed to relinquish to the state any claim that he might have had. This land has also been advertised for sale. By Resolution No. 31, The Agent was authorised and directed to cause prosecutions to be commenced against such wholesale merchants, retailers of dry goods, and lottery office keepers, who did not comply with the terms prescribed in the resolution. Many retailers of dry goods did take out licenses, and the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars has been deposited in the bank of Baltimore, by sundry wholesale merchants, which is to be transferred to the credit of the treasurer of the western shore, provided the suit now pending in the supreme court, against Alexander Brown and others, shall be settled in favour of the State of Maryland. Further legislation will be necessary before it will be practicable for the attorney general to carry the resolution into full effect.

A difference on any subject between a state and its own citizens, is always to be deprecated, and if possible avoided; the state should be always successful, but to be so, she should be always right, and when right, the laws should be enforced at all hazards. The original law requiring wholesale merchants, and importers, to take out licenses, was certainly an oppressive one, if it was to be literally construed. And the agent respectfully suggests, whether it would not be the better course to reduce the amount of the licenses required to be taken out by wholesale merchants, to twenty five dollars, and to endeavour to have the suit now pending, amicably adjusted, without the intervention of the United States' court.

The preamble to resolution No. 45, having been, by some accident, omitted, renders its reading wholly unintelligible to those not acquainted with the subject; but the agent, knowing the intention of the resolution, visited Edward Hall, Esquire, of Harford county, executor of Thomas Hall, deceased, and he has consented, together with most of the heirs, to relinquish to the state all right, title, interest and claim, in and to a tract of land called "Common Garden Corrected," on the terms prescribed in the resolution.

The various resolutions of last session, granting further indulgence to state debtors on the western shore, on certain terms, have only been partially complied with by some, and totally neglected by others; a very small amount, therefore, of the old state debts has been received during the year 1825. During the present year, it is probable, that a much larger sum will be received.

From the Potomac Company the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars has been paid into the treasury, on account of interest due on the loan of thirty thousand dollars of United States six per cent. stock made to them in the year 1814. In 1822 the agent had ordered suit against the company for the recovery of the debt due, but proceedings were stayed by resolution No. 43, passed at December session 1822, on certain conditions, which have not been complied with. The agent, therefore, considered it his duty to order a suit against them last summer, in the district of Columbia.

Since this was done, the company having agreed to relinquish their