

Irish army and navy previous to the year 1800, and the *official seal* used by her public functionaries, still exist and have been from the year 1800 to the present time, in a condition of illegal suppression by force of English arms, and that they are now only waiting the legal action of foreign independent governments and foreign tribunals of international law, to restore them to their original condition of acknowledged nationality.

Your petitioner would therefore respectfully ask that your Honorable Body would pass a resolution declaring substantially, "That the official vote of the people of Ireland sanctioning the removal of the Irish Parliament and Irish Government from Ireland to England in the year 1800, required by the law of nations, not having been demanded or given at that time or since *the flag*, as acknowledged, and *the seal*, as used by the Irish Government, up to the year 1800, have, not by the operation of the so-called Act of the Union of Ireland with England in any manner, lost their legal international standing in the State of Maryland, and that they still represent the independent government of Ireland, and will be recognized by us when called on to do so by any provisional government, exhibiting rational evidence of stability and existence which may hereafter be organized for their national restoration, and that we hereby acknowledge the right of such provisional government to organize and arm, and that such provisional government, its allies, adherents and supporters, are, and shall for ever remain *belligerents* in any war carried on for such national restoration of said *Flag* and *Seal* of the Kingdom of Ireland."

And your petitioner would further ask, "that the Legislature and Executive of the State of Maryland, be fully empowered in the amended Constitution to carry out the provisions of the foregoing resolutions, by inserting a special article authorizing them to issue the credit of the State of Maryland to said provisional Irish Government, and to enter into any contract with said government not conflicting with the Constitution of the United States and the State of Maryland, *provided*, the products, navigation, copy patent, civil, legal and religious rights of Maryland and Ireland are placed on an entire equality of full and unrestricted freedom as regards each other."

Your petitioner would most respectfully submit, that he does not wish to be understood as claiming, that the State of Maryland has any sovereign right to attach any official value to any flag or seal outside of the powers vested by the Constitution in the Federal Government, but he does claim that the State of Maryland, or any and all of the States can express their individual opinions when an international law is violated—as to the value of the political obligations of the