

following resolutions, viz No 11, declaring "that the Congress of the United States, does propose the power, under the Constitution to adopt a general System of Internal improvement, by means of Roads and Canals, as a rational measure." No 12, declaring that for the purpose of selecting the President and Vice President of the United States, the Constitution ought to be so amended, that a uniform System of Voting by districts shall be established in all the States; and that the people in those districts shall have the right of Voting, directly, for their Officers; and that the Constitution ought to be further amended, in such manner as will prevent the election of the aforesaid Officers from depending upon the respective Houses of Congress" and requesting the said Senators and Representatives "to use their best exertions for obtaining the said amendments." No 17, requesting the said Senators and Representatives "to call the attention of their respective Houses to the superior advantages which the City of Annapolis and its neighbourhood possess, as a situation for a Naval Academy, and that they use their best exertions in favour of the establishment of such an institution." No 31, (with its preamble) relative to Light Houses and Light Boats. No 38, requesting the Senators who represent this State in Congress, to bring before the General Government, without delay, the claims of the State for interest on Loans contracted by her for the prosecution of the late War, in the most expedient manner, and requesting the Representatives in Congress from this State to assist in prosecuting said claim to a successful termination." No 50, requesting the said Senators and Representatives "to use their exertions to have the route examined from Washington City, through Frederick Town and Harpers Ferry, with the view of ascertaining the best and most proper location for the contemplated Road from Washington City to New Orleans." No 53, "instructing" the Senators, and requesting, the Representatives aforesaid, "to support the application of the American Colonization Society to Congress, for aid and protection." No 118, requesting the said Senators and Representatives "to use their best exertions to obtain the establishment of a Navy Yard in the City of Baltimore."

The Opinions and wishes of the General Assembly, indicated by the aforesaid resolutions, doubtless received from all the Gentlemen to whom they were assigned, the respectful attention and consideration to which they were justly entitled.

The Subject of the resolution, No 11, is so very important, and opens to the imagination such sublime Views and prospects of the immense and incalculable benefits, to be derived from the adoption and vigorous prosecution of a judicious System, embracing all those great Schemes of improvement, which from their Magnitude, most appropriately, belong to the Sphere of action of the General Government, (leaving to the respective States, the accomplishment of such local improvements, as may be required by their wants, and, within the achievement of their unobstructed means) that we cherish the hope and entertain the belief, that such a System will be adopted, at no distant period.

We are aware that the Authority over this Subject, asserted by the General Assembly, to be Constitutionally vested in Congress, is denied and strenuously contested, by many distinguished Statesmen of the day; who entertain the Opinion that the Power cannot be exercised without a violation of the rights of the State. With all the respect for this Opinion that a personal acquaintance with, and the fullest confidence in the ability, patriotism and integrity of, some of those who entertain it, is calculated to in-