

Citizens of this State, for a year ago of quit Rents claimed by the administration  
of Louis Browning, as heir at Law of former Proprietary, which was a way  
of British Revenue. And we have the pleasure to inform you, that the  
suit against the Venerable Charles Carroll of Carrollton, now the only surviving  
signer of the declaration of Independence, by the establishment of his title,  
in our opinion, the claim was forever barred and cut off, was brought to an  
issue in March last, and the Judgment of the Court finally pronounced  
against the claimant, upon principles that apply to and protect every other  
Land holder in Maryland. The pretended claims of the representatives  
of W<sup>o</sup> Browning, may, therefore, be considered as at rest, and the Land-  
holders of the State freed from any farther vexation thereby.

The high importance of the principles involved in the claim, as  
well as its great amount, induced us to select two of the most eminent  
members of the legal Profession to resist it, and we were gratified to learn  
that they fully sustained, on that occasion, their exalted reputation.

By authority of Resolution No 27, Roger B Tenny and Richard  
Hanson, Esquires, have been selected and employed by us, as Counsel on  
the part of the State, to aid in the prosecution of the suit pending in the  
Supreme Court of the United States, against Alexander Brown and others,  
for a violation of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Supplement to the  
Act laying duties on Licenses to retailers of Dry goods and for other  
purposes" passed at December Session 1824. This suit has not yet  
been brought to trial.

By virtue of the Resolutions No 29 and 30, we contracted with  
William D Beall, George Brown, Isaac Hines, Henry Hobbs, and  
Joseph Mayo, Esquires, for the reviewing, under the superintendance  
of Thomas Culbreth Esquire Clerk of the Council, of the papers remaining  
un-recorded in the Chancery Office, and which should have been  
placed on Record by Samuel H Howard, Nicholas Brewer, James  
C Crath and Thomas H Bowie, Esquires, late Registers in Chancery.

The work is now rapidly progressing, and will shortly be completed,  
by which a Map of Chancery proceedings and papers that it is  
ascertained will make upwards of fifty large Record Books, and from  
which the title to much real estate is derived, will be prepared.

By virtue of the Authority vested in us by the Resolution  
No 34, we appointed C W Washington Esquire, to purchase such  
furniture as was necessary for the Chamber occupied by the Court of  
Appeals, limiting him in his expenditure, to the sum appropriated  
by the Resolution (which we placed at his disposal) and requesting  
him, in the execution of his trust, to consult and advise with Thomas  
Hares Esquire, Clerk of the Court. C W Cuck reports to us that his  
expenditure had exceeded the appropriation by the sum of \$81.39, although  
he procured such articles of furniture only, as were deemed essential to  
the decent and comfortable fitting up of the Chamber. And  
being satisfied that no improper or unnecessary expense was incurred,  
we respectfully recommend an appropriation for the payment of the balance  
of C W Cuck's expending.

The Resolution No 34, requesting the President of the United  
States to cause a survey to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the