the puritans. The religious wars, and battle on the Severn, and the judicious reflections of the author upon the whole history of the colony during the time of the commonwealth under Cromwell, filling up more distinctly and with greater accuracy that portion of our history, is indeed highly interesting.

10th. The manuscript in question was presented to the Senate by Mr. Kerr, at our December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, for the favor of the State, with one indispensable condition, even if it should be accepted, that it be printed and published, and that some assurance should be given of the fulfilment of this condition precedent to the donor. Your committee have consulted an experienced individual in such matters, to ascertain with some degree of certainty of what size the work (not including the introduction already published) will be when printed, and the information obtained is, that it will make about two volumes, octavo, five hundred pages each.

Your Committee are of opinion the donation ought to be accepted from Mr. Kerr, and recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the donation offered by John Leeds Kerr, of Talbot county, of an autograph manuscript of a History of Maryland from its first settlement in 1633, to the restoration in 1660, and of "corrections and additions" to an introduction to a history of Maryland, heretofore published by John Leeds Bozman, deceased, together with a printed and corrected copy of the said Introduction, be, and the same are hereby accepted for and in behalf of the state.

Resolved, That the Governor and Council be, and they are hereby authorized and required, by contract, upon such terms as they may deem reasonable, to cause the said History and Introduction, with the corrections and additions, notes and illustrations, to be correctly printed and published, in numbers not exceeding one thousand copies, and in a fair and good type, and upon proper paper, in two volumes, octavo, with an index to the whole work; and so that the introduction, with the notes and illustrations, and that part of the manuscript which comprises the corrections and additions thereto, inserted in the proper places, according to the directions and references, shall form the first volume; and that the His-