State, without impairing the compactness of its limits. General policy obviously dictates the acceptance of such offer, and your committee are of opinion that so far from the present instance presenting an exception to this policy, there are some considerations, which render the Territory peculiarly desirable to the State. It will give the State an important commercial port on the Potomac, the only eligible one she can ever command on the tide water of that river, and which from its position with reference to the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, may be rendered an important auxiliary to the commerce of the State through that channel. It will also give to the State an almost unlimited artificial water power for manufacturing purposes, created by the canal, very eligibly situated, and such as the State can no where else command. Throughout this country, where manufactures have prospered, they have been found greatly to contribute to the wealth, the happiness and morals of the State; and your committee believe that the memorialists are not too sanguine in their anticipations, that under the protection of a judicious and fostering Legislature, Georgetown may be made to rank in manufacturing importance with any city in the Union. All which is respectfully submitted with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Assembly of Maryland do assent to the recession of George Town and that portion of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, lying west of Rock Creek, formerly included within the

limits of Montgomery county; *provided,* the Congress of the United States do agree to yield its exclusive jurisdiction over the same; and in such event the said Territory shall thereupon be held and deemed a portion of the domain of Maryland, and the citizens thereof subject to all the laws, and entitled to all the immunities and privileges of the citizens of this State, and the protection and continuance of all the corporate powers which may have been granted by the Congress of the United States.

Resolved, That so soon as the Congress of the United States shall by law recede the said City and Territory to Maryland, the same is hereby declared to be accepted and annexed to the county of Montgomery, and shall constitute the sixth election district of said county, and the citizens thereof shall vote at such suitable place in George Town, as may be designated by the judges of election, to be appointed by the Levy Court of Montgomery county; *provided,* That no one shall be entitled to vote at any election, who shall not have resided twelve months in the State or District.

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