

HALF-PAY FOR LIFE TO THE OFFICERS OF THE CONTI-  
NENTAL ARMY.

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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND,

RELATIVE TO

*The half-pay for life to the officers of the continental army.*

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FEBRUARY 23, 1859.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

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MARYLAND, *scilicet*.

At a session of the general assembly of Maryland begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the first Wednesday of January, being the sixth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and ended the tenth day of March, in the year aforesaid, his excellency Thomas H. Hicks, esq., governor, among others, the following resolutions were passed, to wit:

No. 6.]

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, *March 10, 1858.*

*Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland,* That we have witnessed with pleasure the efforts which were made during the recent session of Congress for the final settlement and payment of our revolutionary debt; we consider that our government is under the most solemn obligation to carry out the promises of the continental Congress, as contained in the resolutions of the twenty-first of October, seventeen hundred and eighty, January seventeenth, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and March eighth, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, by allowing to the officers of the revolutionary army the half-pay for life to which they are entitled under those resolutions, for the payment of which the national faith is pledged; and all those senators and members who have taken an active interest in behalf of the officers of the revolution, their widows and children, are entitled to the thanks and gratitude of the country.

*Resolved,* That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to advocate and vote for a bill to provide for the final settlement and payment of the half-pay for life which was promised by the

continental Congress to the officers of the revolutionary army who should serve to the end of the war, or until the time of this reduction, deducting the value of the commutation certificates issued in their names; and that the amount found due be paid to the officers if alive, and if dead, to the widow and children equally of such deceased officer; and that suitable provision be made for the widow and children and other representatives of those officers who were killed in battle or died in the service; and that such bill conform to the principles and promises contained in the resolutions of October twenty-first, seventeen hundred and eighty, January seventeenth, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and March eighth, seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, *March 10, 1858.*

Read and assented to. By order.

J. W. CLAYTON, *Clerk.*

BY THE SENATE, *March 10, 1858.*

Read and assented to. By order.

C. HARWOOD, *Secretary.*

MARYLAND, *scd.*

I, William A. Spencer, clerk of the court of appeals of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the resolutions of the general assembly of Maryland, of which it purports to be a copy, as taken from the original engrossed resolutions deposited in, and belonging to, the office of the court of appeals of the said State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, as clerk, and affixed the seal of the said court of appeals, this fifth day of [SEAL.] February, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

WM. A. SPENCER,

*Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.*

STATE OF MARYLAND, *to wit:*

I, Thomas Holliday Hicks, governor of the State of Maryland, do hereby certify that William A. Spencer is clerk of the court of appeals of Maryland, and as such is keeper of the acts and resolutions of the general assembly of the said State, and that the foregoing attestation is in due form and by the proper officer.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the great [SEAL.] seal of the State of Maryland this seventh day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

THOS. H. HICKS.

By the governor.

JAMES R. PARTRIDGE,  
*Secretary of State.*