

majority of the late "house of delegates" might not have foreseen,) they have gone in aid of the system of measures adopted by both England and France, and particularly of England, to embarrass the government of our country, and to effect its downfall and humiliation, for they were entered into and passed the house of delegates at the very moment when that system of measures, if they could succeed, would have had their effect; that as serious and as awful as the declaration is, it is our firm belief our differences with the two great belligerents might have been settled long before this, had it not been for the opposition made to the late great leading measures of our government, by "a party within ourselves;" that the late treacherous and dishonourable conduct upon the part of one of the great and powerful nations of Europe, in disavowing the acts of her minister with the government of our own country, must have been instigated in part by the differences existing amongst our citizens, and from a hope that she might find friends in our national councils, or by the many resolutions which have been entered into by the opponents to the late administration of the general government, similar to, and advancing the same sentiments contained in, the resolutions adopted by a majority of the late "house of delegates" at the last November session; that effects the most beneficial have followed the adoption of the embargo, and they have not failed to attract the just appreciation of a vast majority of the patriotic people of these United States; and that this legislature are of the opinion that the said resolutions were founded totally in error, and contrary to the fact.

No. 5.

RESOLVED, That we highly approve of the measures adopted, and the policy pursued, by the late administration.

Policy of general government approved.

No. 6.

RESOLVED, That we have the fullest confidence in the patriotism, virtue and wisdom, of the present administration, and that we freely pledge our support to the general government, upon the adoption of any measures calculated to protect the rights, or to avenge the wrongs, of our country.

Pledge. &c

No. 7.

WHEREAS the present relations of the United States of America with the belligerent powers of Europe, give us but little room to hope that they will speedily abandon those unlawful measures of retaliation on each other, and of violent and indefensible aggression and encroachment on the rights of neutral states, which they have adopted, so inimical to the laws of nations and the free navigation of the seas; and our country, free, flourishing and independent, and resting, as the basis of its existence, upon the industry, public spirit and disinterested patriotism, of its citizens, contains within its bosom the seeds of almost every comfort, convenience and luxury, of the eastern hemisphere, which, if by careful and tender hands they be nurtured and cultivated, will flourish into maturity, in the midst of a grateful people, grown by their assistance, and conducted by their prosperity, to a proud state of perfect and enviable independence on the commerce and manufactures of the nations of Europe: And whereas it is the indispensable duty of the representatives of an enlightened people, who are resolved to live or die all free men, to propose such measures, and enact such laws, as will