

that the Union must be torn in fragments unless equal rights to all sections of the country are sacredly preserved ; we also respectfully, but earnestly, desire to assure our brethren of South Carolina, that should the hour ever arrive when the Union must be dissolved, Maryland will cast her lot with her sister States of the South, and abide their fortune to the fullest extent ;

*Resolved*, That we deem it inexpedient to call a southern convention in the present excited condition of the country, relying upon the belief that the recent outrages against the South have already awakened the patriotism and justice of the majority of our northern brethren, but should this fond hope result in a shameless failure, our earnest protest be disregarded, and the disruption of these States be rendered inevitable, that Maryland will then be prepared to meet her sister States of the South in a southern convention for the protection of southern rights ;

*Resolved*, That the Governor of this State be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Governor of South Carolina, and to the Governors of each of the slaveholding States.