

fairs of this continent, known as the Monroe Doctrine, challenge the consideration of our people and government. From the day that doctrine was enunciated to the world, to the present hour, the truth and necessity of its maxims have grown upon our people, until now, that doctrine may be considered as a fundamental part of our government and our nature, only to be surrendered with our life. It is a fact in history recorded, that during our unhappy struggle for the maintenance of our national unity and existence, two of the leading powers of Europe winked at and permitted unfriendly acts of hostility towards our Government, increasing its difficulties and its dangers; one threatened hostilities direct, the other invaded the soil of a neighboring Republic with an armed force, erected an imperial throne and placed thereon a foreign Prince.

These wrongs and aggressions, in violation of the laws of nations and the principles of the Monroe Doctrine, were perpetrated at a time when it was supposed we could not help ourselves nor avenge the insults offered, and this fact aggravates the magnitude of the offences. The head of the State Department met these occurrences with the firmness and dignity becoming his position and the character of the people of the United States. The eminent wisdom and ability he displayed in the treatment of these subjects, inspires full confidence in his ability and determination to vindicate the rights, the dignity, and character of the National Government and the American people, in the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine in its full integrity.

Your committee submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly have entire confidence, that the integrity, patriotism and firmness of President Johnson and his administration, co-operating with Congress, will restore the Union of the States on the best and surest foundations, for the glory and honor of this people.

*Resolved*, That the attention of our Senators and Representatives in the two Houses of Congress, be requested to that portion of the annual report of the Secretary of the Navy, which refers to the Naval Academy, and ascertain the views and wishes of that department, and that they communicate with his Excellency, Governor Swann, in relation thereto.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to co-operate with our Representatives in Congress, in their efforts to permanently fix the Naval Academy in its present location.