

On motion of Mr. Norris,

Leave was granted the Carroll county delegation, to report a bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within two miles of Freedom and Trinity Churches in Carroll county.

Mr. Pilkington gave notice that he would on to-morrow submit a motion to amend the Rules of the House by instituting an additional Standing committee to be called a committee on Registration.

The Speaker (Mr. McCauley in the chair,) submitted the following resolutions:

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, That this General Assembly cordially endorses the reconstruction policy of President Johnson as laid down in his official message to Congress of December —, and pledge the co-operation of the General Assembly, in all proper measures looking to the reconstruction and restoration of the revolted States upon the plan therein indicated; that the General Assembly have entire confidence in the firmness, patriotism and honesty of Andrew Johnson, and his determination to administer the government entrusted to his charge upon principles of sound wisdom, enlightened statesmanship and unswerving loyalty.

Resolv d, As the sense of this body, that the States of this Union cannot be broken or destroyed in any mode other than that pointed out in the Constitution itself; and that a recognition of the principle that the rebellion has annulled or in any manner compromised, their separate existence, as integrals of our common Union, or reduced them to a mere territorial relation, is at war with the express terms of our organic law, and admits the inability of this government to maintain itself against civil war and domestic insurrection.

Resolved, That the control of the elective franchise is a function residing in the States, and may be restricted or enlarged as said States may deem most advantageous for the public welfare; that any attempt by Congress, or other co-ordinate branch of this government, to force universal negro suffrage, without the consent and sanction of the States, would be a palpable, open and unauthorised interference with the principles upon which this Government was formed, and unwise and impolitic in the present condition of our public affairs.

Resolved, That the administration of the affairs of the State Department during the four years of the rebellion, in carrying out the policy of the government, meets the unqualified