

people have at all times, an inherent and inalienable right to abolish or reform said Constitution.

That revolutions by the people, are always justifiable when their government has failed of its purposes, "when life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are endangered, and all constitutional provisions for their protection and rights are denied them.

That we hold to the doctrine, that the three co-ordinate branches of the State Government of Maryland, represent the sovereignty of the people thereof, and that all acts done by them, each in its respective sphere, in pursuance of constitutional authority, are expressive of the popular will; it follows, that the State of Maryland, in the future, as in the past, guided by a spirit of public policy, will always endeavor to advance her own interests, as also that of her citizens, without regard to sections or localities.

That the call for a Constitutional Convention emanating from this Legislature, is in pursuance of the right of reform under the existing Constitution; and all efforts to frustrate the wishes of the people for a change in their organic law, are without their sanction and authority.

That the Act already passed, enfranchising those citizens of Maryland, who under the Constitution are compelled to perform militia duty, pay taxes &c., but are deprived of the rights of electors, is indicative of the sense of the people on this subject, and we present the fact to whole country, as evincing their desire to forget the late civil convulsions of the land, and to join in reciprocal endeavors to sustain the enduring fame of the commonwealth.

Which were read a first time.

Mr. Neilson from the Committee on Immigration, reported favorably a bill entitled, an Act to repeal sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, of chap. 37 of the Acts of Assembly of January session, 1866, entitled, an Act to encourage and facilitate Immigration to the State of Maryland, and enact other sections in the place of the sections so repealed.

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Neilson,

The said bill was re-committed to the Committee on Immigration.

Mr. Carmichael, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably a bill entitled, an Act to alter and change the name of William St. John Pheasants to the name of William St. John Pheasants Wingfield.

Also, favorably the bill entitled, an Act to add an additional section to article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the city of Baltimore, entitled Orphans' Court.