

And the bill was read the second time.

Mr. Earle submitted the following resolutions :

JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF MARYLAND.

*Resolved*, That to secure the full advantages and blessings of the peace that has been declared, and of the restoration of the Union, that has been officially proclaimed, it is the sense of the General Assembly of Maryland, that the policy of the Federal Government, in every one of its Departments, should be of a character to allay strife, heal dissensions and remove the embittered feelings engendered by the terrible civil war from which we have lately emerged ; that in its action it should study to erase all unpleasant remembrances of the past, and secure the undivided efforts of the people to build up the places that have been made waste, to restore the country to its former oneness and prosperity, and the administration of its affairs to its constitutional limits.

*Resolved*, That this Government as received from our fathers, was one of limited and defined powers, charged to execute those that had been delegated, and to respect those that had been reserved, and when conducted on these principles and with reference to these landmarks, failed not eminently to promote the wealth, prosperity and happiness of her people.

*Resolved*, That the Union being restored, all the States of the Union are co-equal States under the broad ægis of the Constitution, each entitled to all the rights and immunities of every other, and all having an equal right to participate in the administration of the Government on the terms and in the manner prescribed by its provisions.

*Resolved*, That in the formation of this Constitution, the smaller States demanded, and the larger States conceded equal representation in one branch of the Federal Legislature, and the Convention of great men and noble patriots, who framed it, especially provided and guaranteed that no State should be deprived of its suffrage in the Senate without its consent: and under no conceivable condition of things should this pledge be unredeemed to any State in the Union.

*Resolved*, That the right of elective franchise rests with the people of the States, and that they alone have the authority to regulate and control its exercise in their respective limits, that any attempt on the part of Congress of the United States to designate those to whom the right of suffrage should be secured, would be in direct and flagrant violation of the spirit of the Constitution and the usages under it, an encroachment on the rights of the States, and to their great detriment, would contribute to a consolidation of power in the hands of the General Government.