

But it is a wrong against which the Constitution has no defense, and for which it affords the State no remedy.

The place of Senator Thomas is vacant in the Senate of the United States, and the law requires this General Assembly to go into an election to supply the vacancy on Tuesday, the third of March next.

The committees submit that the General Assembly should enter the protest of the State against this proceeding of the Senate of the United States. They propose the following joint resolutions :

Resolved, That the General Assembly of Maryland make this their earnest and solemn protest, against the proceeding in the Senate of the United States, whereby a Senator elected from this State, and duly qualified, has been excluded from the Senate.

Resolved, That the foregoing statement and this protest be transmitted to the Legislatures of the other States now in session, that they may judge what notice it merits from them, in vindication of the law, the Constitution and the common rights of all the States.

Resolved, That as the action of the Senate has created a vacancy in the representation of this State in that body, and it is due to the State and the country, that such vacancy should be filled, we will, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress at the proper time, proceed to fill such vacancy.

JOHN LEE CARROLL,
J. F. LEE,
C. H. HYLAND,
HENRY SNYDER,
JOHN C. PARKER,
Senate Committee.

EDWARD J. CHAISTY,
A. S. PERCY,
JOHN R. BLAKE,
JOHN W. HARDEN,
T. E. WILLIAMS,
CHAS. F. WENNER,
DAVID SEIBERT.
House Committee.

And on his motion,

The rules were suspended by the following vote :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Browne,
Clarke,
Carroll,

Kimmel,
Lee,
Maddox,