

Whereas, numerous petitions and memorials have, from time to time, been presented to the General Assembly of this State, praying for the passage of a law to limit the hours of labor, per day, to be required of the operatives employed in the Cotton and Woolen factories of this State; and it is eminently proper, expedient and humane, that such legal protection should be extended, especially to the minors of both sexes employed in such factories, as will afford sufficient opportunity for that recreation which is indispensable to proper physical development and good health, and also, for the proper cultivation of the intellectual faculties; and

Whereas, it is also desirable for the protection of those who have invested their capital in such manufacturing pursuits, that such law should be made to apply equally to all similar manufacturing interests throughout the United States, thereby placing all capitalists upon an equal footing in this respect, and extending its advantages to all that numerous class of laborers throughout the land. Therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senators and Representatives from this State, in the Congress of the United States, are hereby requested to urge upon that body, the speedy passage of such a law as shall prescribe, not exceeding ten hours, for a lawful day's labor in the Cotton and Woolen factories of these United States.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of the Senate, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which were read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That His Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to transmit to the Senate, a copy of the official returns of the election for Senators, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1869, and that the Secretary of the Senate furnish the Governor with a copy of this order.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message :

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, }
January 11, 1870. }

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We respectfully propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to proceed to the election of the State Treasurer, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock, noon.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.