

great organic reservation which alone can establish, sustain and perpetuate a community of States in a federative system, and which cannot be taken away from our system except by revolutionary force; and

*Whereas*, It is believed that four-fifths of the American people are opposed to any change in their organic law which would reverse, vacate, annul, expunge, make void and destroy any of its fundamental articles and provisions so as to demoralize and brutalize the people by a heterogeneous amalgamation and mixture of the Caucasian and negro races in our body politic; and

*Whereas*, The history of the different races of men teaches and proves their *inequality* in physical, moral and intellectual endowments, and that no two distinct races of men ever did or ever can carry on, successfully, a common government, and that all attempts to do so have resulted in the destruction of those trying such experiments; therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That according to the *agreement* entered into by the original States of this Union, and according to the understanding of the American people for more than eighty years thereafter, the *fundamental* provisions of the same are *inviolable*, unalterable and indestructible; and that they cannot, under the amending power thereof, be repealed, annulled, void, vacated or expunged; and be it

*Resolved*, That all attempts on the part of the Federal Government, which is the agent and creature of the States, and all attempts on the part of any State or States, through their Representatives and Senators in Congress or otherwise, to reverse, vacate, expunge, annul, or make void, any guarantee of State or individual rights contained in the Constitution, are revolutionary, and are evidences of bad faith, and are wicked; and be it

*Resolved*, That suffrage is a question belonging solely to the States *individually*; that any State can confer the right of suffrage upon whomsoever it may please, subject to the general laws of naturalization; that no power can take that right away when granted except the State power granting it; that no power not interested with the right to *withhold* suffrage, has any right to *grant it*, and therefore, that the plea of constitutionality for such a right is a self-evident and flat contradiction; and be it

*Resolved*, That the States and people of the American Union owe no allegiance to any power *above themselves*; that they are the only *sovereign* powers recognised under our system of Government; that we have no such word as "rulers" in our political vocabulary; that the States and people, through their State and Federal organism, "*rule*" themselves; that those who are selected by the States and people