

to serve them in official capacities, are "*public servants*," and not "rulers," and that when such public servants betray their sworn trust, they are guilty of unpardonable crime and ought to be hurled from the offices of the people and consigned to everlasting shame; and be it

*Resolved*, That majorities, however powerful, have no right to do an unconstitutional act; that such acts when committed by majorities are as revolutionary as when committed by a few, and far more injurious to the general welfare; that no party, however powerful, should ever be allowed to make its will paramount to written constitutional law; that the Constitution is the palladium of our liberty; that those who would usurp it are tyrants, and that it ought to be defended, maintained and preserved at every cost; and be it

*Resolved*, That while *secession* is a heresy not to be tolerated, *consolidation* and *despotism* are evils even more monstrous; that while we should "cling to the Union and the Constitution as the mariner clings to the last plank when the night and the tempest close around him," we should never step on board of that ship, however strong and powerful, whose name is "*Monarch*," and whose destiny is the *grave of liberty*: and be it

*Resolved*, That Maryland, through her General Assembly, sends greeting to the good people of all the States, and invokes them, in the name of "God and liberty," to stand by the Constitution of the United States of America, and to see to it that it suffers no violence.

Which were read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Colton,

The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, and

On motion of Mr. Biddle,

Ordered to be printed.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, being the bills relating to Wild Fowl,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 6, 7 and 8, of Article 98, of Public General Laws, entitled "Wild Fowl," and to reenact the same with amendments.

Said bill being upon a second reading.

Mr. Brattan submitted the following amendment:

But none of the provisions of this Act shall apply to Somerset county.

Which was rejected.