

of Delegates, be requested to transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretaries of War and Navy, to be by them communicated to the several divisions of the Army and Navy.

NUMBER 17.

WHEREAS, The Government of the United States in its constitutional effort to suppress the rebellion against its authority, now existing in some of the Southern States, has been unavoidably compelled to destroy or seriously to injure much valuable property belonging to citizens of this and other States; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested to use their best endeavors to obtain such legislation as will insure such citizens a speedy indemnity for said damages as well as for similar damages that may be so sustained in the future.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

NUMBER 18.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That His Excellency, the Governor, be and he is hereby requested to issue a commission, in the usual form, to the Honorable Reverdy Johnson, as Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for six years, from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

NUMBER 19.

RESOLUTIONS of thanks to Governor Thomas H. Hicks.

WHEREAS, The practice of all nations points out the wisdom of rewarding eminent public services by marked tokens of admiration and gratitude; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That amidst the bold, insidious and powerful efforts which have been made for the past year, to destroy the government of the United States, and to reduce the country to a condition of moral and physical imbecility, in despite of the traitorous poison of able and reckless emissaries from rebellious States, openly sent in abuse of the known comity of our people, to corrupt, and thus subvert the government of Maryland,—in despite of the example of States and Governors, and of the most disingenuous appeals to sectional prejudices; and in disregard alike of the solicitations and threats of men of talents, of influence, and of high social and political positions, and of menaces of personal insult and violence—the Governor of this State, through the deepest gloom of our national adversity, has stood faithfully by the country, faithfully by his State, and faithfully by his oath and his official integrity.

Resolved, That this position of loyalty, so steadily maintained by Governor Hicks, has averted from the State violence and bloodshed be-