

against the apparent inability of Spain to either again acquire it, or to long retain a footing upon any portion of the remainder.

*And whereas,* The war, as waged upon the Island, is now, and has been, attended with all the ferocity characteristic of semi-barbarous people, the consequences of which must long be prejudicially felt by the people of the United States in their social and commercial relations.

*And whereas,* It is apparent that the revolution possesses the power and ability not only to successfully cope with Spain; but is fast driving that power to its last resort, (the fortified seaport towns,) and can have but one termination—Independence. And while it is the opinion of this Legislature, that measures should be taken to mitigate, and if possible, shorten the fearful struggle now laying waste that once beautiful Island, we disclaim all and every idea of giving the subject a party bias, believing, as we do, that every citizen of the United States is alike anxious with ourselves for a cessation of hostilities; therefore—

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it is the opinion of this General Assembly, that in consequence of the condition of affairs existing in the Island of Cuba, that the time has arrived when the Government of the United States is called upon by every consideration actuating a great and civilized neighboring nation to adopt such measures as shall appear best calculated to mitigate and shorten, if possible, the desolating war in that Island.

*Resolved,* That it is our opinion that the good offices of the Government of the United States cannot be more humanely and wisely exercised than in a well directed effort to secure to the Republic of Cuba all the rights and advantages belonging to belligerents.

Which were read a first time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. McAleese submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that the absence of Mr. Hess, on Friday last, from his seat in this House, was occasioned by illness.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hohlitzell moved that when the House adjourns today, it stand adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon.

Decided in the affirmative.