

found peace, the people of the State of Louisiana, on the fourth day of January, 1875, through their representatives duly elected to their State Legislature, had assembled and organized to pass laws for the government of the State, and being so assembled in the Hall of their House of Delegates, in the State Capitol, in pursuance of their State Constitution and Laws, and in violation of no law or provision of the Federal Constitution whatever, the said Hall of the said House of Delegates was invaded, occupied and taken possession of by armed troops of the United States, under the command of officers of the United States, five of the said delegates were seized by said troops, and forcibly ejected from said Hall, and other persons were declared to be members of said House of Delegates by the officer or officers commanding said troops, and seated as members in lieu of those ejected as aforesaid.

*We do, therefore,* as the representatives of the people of the State of Maryland, hereby enter our most solemn protest against each and all of said proceedings, and we declare them to be dangerous to liberty, in violation of the fundamental principles of free government, destructive of the just rights, both of the Federal Government and the Government of the several States.

*And we do further resolve*—Ninth. That the President of the United States, being by law the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and the military superior of the said Lieutenant-General Sheridan, on the said fourth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and ever since; and the said President not having disapproved of said acts and proceedings of his said subordinate, nor corrected the same so far as he had the power, he must be held and considered as having adopted and approved thereof; and in so doing, in the judgment of this General Assembly, he has committed a most grave error, which, in the respect we entertain for the high office of Chief Magistrate of the country, alone restrains us from characterizing in the proper and befitting language of condemnation it deserves.

Which were read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Hon. R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered a message from the Executive.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to repeal an Act to require all auctioneers making sales in Baltimore county, to pay a license fee.

Which was read the second time.