

Assembly to adjourn *sine die*; but your Committee think that the prayer of said petitioners ought not to be granted. The character of the petitions show many of the persons signing them are actuated by party influence, rather than a desire to serve the true interest of their State; and, indeed, some of the signatures appear to be manufactured for the occasion, for they are all in the same handwriting, and made with the same ink and pen. The petitioners have shown no such strength of numbers, either, as would justify your Committee in saying that there were any expression of a popular desire, by any number approaching to a majority of the people of the State, for an adjournment *sine die*, as would justify your Committee in recommending this body to surrender its own judgment on that important subject, especially when we regard the alarming state of the country, and the increasing dangers to the lives and social welfare of the people of the State, which require such protection from the Legislature as it may be able to give, against the unconstitutional exercise of power by the military forces now quartered amongst us, in the occupation of our soil.

Your Committee, however, think that this General Assembly might adjourn, to meet at an early day after the assembling of the Congress of the United States, so as to be able to co-operate with that body in bringing about a peaceable settlement of our National difficulties, if so desirable a result can be accomplished.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That when the Senate and House of Delegates adjourn on Friday, the 21st of June, they adjourn to meet in the city of Annapolis, on Tuesday, the 30th day of July next, at 12 o'clock, M.*

THOS. FRANKLIN,

F. WHITAKER,

D. C. BLACKISTONE,

*On the part of the Senate.*

J. H. GORDON,

T. PARKIN SCOTT,

JAMES U. DENNIS,

*On the part of the House.*

Which was read.

Mr. Smith moved to lay the Report on the table.