

TUESDAY, August 6, 1861.

Mr. Townsend, from the joint committee on adjournment, submitted the following

REPORT:

The joint committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, to whom was referred the consideration of the time when the present session should terminate, and the place at which the adjourned session should be held, respectfully report:

That in their opinion the extraordinary events which have transpired since the adjournment of the Legislature clearly indicate that the Federal authorities at Washington have so fully determined to disregard all the rights which the Constitution has named and provided as necessary to a free State—rights which have heretofore been considered as the only safeguards of the dearest privileges of a free people—as to render it in vain for the General Assembly, at this session, to interpose any measures looking to the immediate relief of the State.

Your committee deem it, nevertheless, the duty of the Legislature to meet from time to time, to discharge such duties as may be practicable, and record its formal protest against the wrongs to which the people of the State have been, or may be subjected. The great body of our several constituency demands that the suppression of their civil liberties should not be passed over in silence.

Moreover, the people of the State and your committee cherish an abiding confidence, that the time is not far distant when an enlightened public opinion will be aroused in every part of this once great and happy republic, which will of itself rebuke the action and reverse the policy of the Administration at Washington, and in their judgment, when that time shall have arrived the Legislature of the State should be ready to make suitable provision for the restoration of its authority and the enforcement of its laws.

Your committee are of the opinion that the next General Assembly should be held in the Capital of the State. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates,* That when the Senate and House adjourn on Wednesday, the 7th of August,