Said bill was then sent to the Senate.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions proposed by Mr. Wallis, from the committee on Federal Relations;

Said resolutions being upon their second reading,

Mr. McCleary proposed the following substitute:

Whereas, It is right and proper, that the General Assembly of Maryland should give such expression of opinion as will call forth the united voice of the whole people of Maryland in the present emergency; and the Border States, with the exception of Maryland, have already, through their Legislatures or Conventions, defined their position and course of action; Therefore be it

Resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland, the present position of Maryland in the Union, is that of strict neutrality, and will remain unchanged so long as Washington continues the seat of Government: provided the United States affords ample protection to slaves and other property.

Resolved, That when the seat of the United States Goverment ceases to be at Washington, and a division of the country takes place, the people shall have the free right and choice of deciding which section they will be attached to, by a free expression and decision of the popular will at the ballot-box:

The yeas and nays were ordered, appeared as follow:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

## Messrs.

Medders, Lawson, Keene, Miller, Routzahn, Salmon, Naill, Wilson, of Har'd, Bayless,

McCoy, Stake, McCleary, Gorsuch—13,

## NEGATIVE:

## Messrs.

Kilbourn, Sp'r, Morgan, Rasin, Briscoe, Compten, Ford, Jacobs,
Landing,
Dennis, of Wor'r
Kessler,
Claggett,
Johnson,

Sangston, Morfit, Scott, Coudy, Eakle, Brining,