

iously desires the restoration of peace between the belligerent sections of the country; and the President, authorities and people of the Confederate States having over and over, officially and unofficially, declared, that they seek only peace and self-defence and to be let alone, and that they are willing to throw down the sword, the instant that the sword now drawn against them shall be sheathed:

The Senators and Delegates of Maryland do fervently beseech and implore the President of the United States, to accept the olive branch which is thus held out to him, and in the name of God and of humanity, to cease this unholy and most wretched and unprofitable strife, at least until the assembling of the Congress at Washington shall have given time for the prevalence of cooler and better counsels.

*Resolved*, That the State of Maryland desires the peaceful and immediate recognition of the independence of the Confederate States, and hereby gives her cordial consent thereunto, as a member of the Union, entertaining the profound conviction that the willing return of the Southern people to their former federal relations is a thing beyond hope, and that the attempt to coerce them will only add slaughter and hate to impossibility.

*Resolved*, That the present military occupation of Maryland, being for purposes which, in the opinion of this Legislature, are in flagrant violation of the Constitution, the General Assembly of the State, in the name of her people, does hereby protest against the same, against the arbitrary restrictions and illegalities with which it is attended, calling upon all good citizens at the same time, in the most earnest and authoritative manner, to abstain from all violent and unlawful interference of every sort, with the troops in transit through our territory or quartered among us, and patiently and peaceably to leave to time and reason the ultimate and certain re-establishment and vindication of the right.

*Resolved*, That under existing circumstances it is inexpedient to call a Sovereign Convention of the State at this time, or to take any measures for the immediate organization for arming of the militia.

With amendments.

Amendments proposed:

*“And be it further Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consist of four members of the Senate and four members of the House of Delegates, four of which committee (to be selected by themselves,) shall, as early as possible, wait on the President of the United States, at Washington, and the other four of said committee shall wait on the President of the Southern Confederacy, for the purpose of laying the foregoing resolutions before them, and that said committee