

Mr. Dennis, of Somerset, moved to take up the Senate resolutions, being an address to the people of Maryland.

Mr. Briscoe moved to refer it to the committee on Federal Relations.

Which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the calling of a Sovereign Convention of the people of Maryland, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Pitts proposed the following :

WHEREAS, owing to the extraordinary condition of things which existed in the city of Baltimore, on and since Friday, the 19th day of April, 1861, it became absolutely necessary for the protection of the peace of the city of Baltimore, and for the preservation and security of the lives and property of the inhabitants thereof, to adopt immediately extraordinary measures suited to the crisis and calculated to prevent the then threatened dangers ;

AND WHEREAS, owing to the fact that the Legislature of this State was not then in session, and that if action had been postponed until the Legislature could meet it would then have been too late to provide for the actual state of things ;

AND WHEREAS, by the direction, and with the consent of the Governor of this State, the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, and the Police Commissioners of said city, steps were immediately taken, not in an aggressive spirit, but for the sole purpose of placing the city of Baltimore in a condition, as far as possible, of security and safety ;

AND WHEREAS, the measures thus adopted and pursued meet with the approbation and concurrence of the General Assembly of this State, they having been adopted for the general good and the protection and advancement of the great and material interests of the people of this State. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, That the measures adopted and conduct pursued by the authorities of the city of Baltimore, on Friday, the 19th of April, 1861, and since that time, intended and designed as they were to preserve the peace, quiet and tranquility of the city of Baltimore, and to place that city in a condition of security and safety, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved of and made valid by this General Assembly, and declared to have been necessary for the public good and the protection of the lives and property of the people of Baltimore.

Which was read the first time.