

*Resolved*, That a law shall be passed by this Legislature, authorizing the people to assemble in a convention, to be elected as members of the House of Delegates are elected, on a day to be fixed in said law, to consider and determine the political condition of the State, and what her duty and interest require shall be done in the present exigency.

*Resolved*, That such law shall require the decision of such convention to be submitted to the legal voters of the State, for their approval or rejection; and that the same should have no legal obligation whatever, unless the same shall be approved by a majority of such voters.

*Resolved*, That in the meantime, the existing political relations of the State as regulated by its own Government and by the Constitution of the United States, shall remain as they now are.

*Resolved*, That earnestly deprecating civil war, and though almost despairing, yet still hoping that the unhappy differences now alienating one section of the country from the other, may yet be adjusted upon terms satisfactory to both, we would earnestly entreat for a cessation of all hostilities, whether by the States or the Federal Government, at least until after the meeting of Congress, convened by the proclamation of the President, on the 4th of July;

Which were read the first time and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Welch presented the following:

To the *Honorable*,

*the General Assembly of Maryland:*

The petition, of the undersigned, respectfully represents, that at the January Session, 1860, on the 10th day of March, as will be seen by reference to the journal of the Senate of that date, and to his bond filed with the Treasurer of Maryland, he entered into a contract with the Joint Committee on printing, for preparing an index to the *Local Laws* of said session, for the sum of one hundred dollars.

That when the volume was placed in his hands, he found that the *Public*, as well as the *Local Laws*, were embraced therein; that he could not separate the same, or if he attempted it, the work would have been useless as a reference. Under these circumstances, he determined to prepare an index to the volume, as printed—Public as well Local—and rely upon the justice of the Legislature to remunerate him for the portion of the work of indexing the *Public Laws*, as his contract only required an index to the *Local Laws*.