

desire to serve the true interests of their State. And indeed some of the signatures appear to be manufactured for the occasion, for they are all in the same hand writing and made with the same ink and pen. The petitioners have shown no such strength of number either, as would justify your committee in saying that there were any expression of a popular desire, by any number approaching to a majority of the people of the State for an adjournment *sine die*, as would justify your committee in recommending this body to surrender its own judgment on that important subject, especially when we regard the alarming state of the country, and the increasing dangers to the lives and social welfare of the people of the State which requires such protection from the Legislature as it may be able to give against the unconstitutional exercise of power by the military forces now quartered amongst us in the occupation of our soil. Your committee, however, think this General Assembly might adjourn to meet at an early day after the assembling of the Congress of the United States, so as to be able to co-operate with that body in bringing about a peaceable settlement of our national difficulties, if so desirable a result can be accomplished. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That when the Senate and House of Delegates adjourn on Friday, the 21st of June, they adjourn to meet in the city of Annapolis, on Tuesday, the 30th day of July next, at 12 o'clock, M.

J. H. GORDON.

T. PARKIN SCOTT,
JAMES U. DENNIS,

On the part of the House committee.

THOMAS FRANKLIN,
F. WHITAKER,
D. C. BLACKISTON,

On the part of the Senate committee.

Which was read the first time.

Also submitted the following:

WHEREAS, The Executive department of the Government of the United States without the consent of Congress, and in the face of its refusal to authorize the same, has commenced, and is now waging an unconstitutional, unrighteous and unholy war against the Confederate States of America for the purpose of subjugating and reducing said States to obedience to a government from which they have withdrawn.