

taken from the armory at Harper's Ferry, on the night of its destruction by fire, were secreted in the vicinity, on the Maryland side of the line, took upon themselves, without authority, to cross into Maryland, in order to search for and recover the same. So far as the committee can ascertain, their search was confined to a single house, and upon being warned by respectable citizens of the illegality of their course, they proceeded no farther, and retired without inflicting any damage on person or property. On representation being made to the commanding officer at Harper's Ferry, their act was immediately disowned, and strict orders were given to prevent the occurrence of similar disorders in the future. A duplicate of these orders was sent to Weverton, without delay, by the hands of a prominent citizen of the county, and your committee have reason to believe that all enmity and excitement on the subject has entirely ceased there. They are further informed that the troops in the vicinity have been recently placed under the command of regular officers, and that the strictest military discipline will be enforced for the protection of the rights of the citizens of this State, and the maintainance of the respect due to her soil.

The committee accordingly think that no action of this House is necessary in the premises, and they respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee feel it their duty, however, to add, that questions are likely daily to occur, and, in fact, are occurring, on account of the seizure of grain by the Virginia military authorities, for their own supply, and to prevent the transmission of supplies to Washington. These difficulties, unless prevented, or some definite understanding had, in regard to the matter, between the two States, are likely to produce serious conflictions and embarrassments, and to disturb the friendly relations, which now, more than ever, ought to exist between their authorities and citizens. The committee, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following joint resolution.

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EDWARD LONG,  
G. W. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following resolution :