

RESOLUTIONS remonstrating against the unlawful arrests of citizens of Maryland and the manifold usurpations and oppressions of the Federal Government.

Assented to
June 22, 1861.

WHEREAS, Ross Winans, a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland, from the city of Baltimore, on his way to his home from the discharge of his official duties, on the fourteenth of May last, was arbitrarily and illegally arrested on a public highway, in the presence of the Governor of this State, by an armed force under the orders of the Federal Government, and was forcibly imprisoned and held in custody, thereafter, at Annapolis and Fort McHenry, without color of lawful process or right by the command, and at the arbitrary will and pleasure of the President of the United States ;

AND WHEREAS, sundry other citizens of Maryland have been unlawfully dealt with in the same despotic and oppressive manner, by the same usurped authority, and some of them have in fact been removed by force beyond the limits of the State of Maryland, and the jurisdiction of her tribunals, in utter violation of their rights, as citizens, and of the rights of the State, as a member of the Federal Union ; and

WHEREAS, the unconstitutional and arbitrary proceedings of the Federal Executive have not been confined to the violation of the personal rights and liberties of the citizens of Maryland, but have been extended into every department of oppressive illegality, so that the property of no man is safe ; the sanctity of no dwelling is respected, and the sacredness of private correspondence no longer exists ; and,

WHEREAS, the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, recognizing the obligation of the State, as far as in her lies, to protect and defend her people against usurped and arbitrary power, however difficult the fulfilment of that high obligation may be rendered by disastrous circumstances, feel it due to her dignity and independence, that History