

yet nevertheless, the President has raised and NUMBER 14
quartered large standing armies upon her territory, has occupied the houses of her citizens without their consent, has made the military superior to, and above the civil power, has assumed to regulate the internal police and government of the State, has seized upon and appropriated our railroads and telegraphs, has seized and searched our vessels, has forcibly opened our houses, has deprived our people of their arms, has seized and transported our citizens to other States for trial upon charges or pretended charges, has taken the private property of our citizens, has caused peaceable travellers to be stopped and their persons, trunks and papers to be searched, has arrested and caused to be imprisoned without any civil process whatever, the person of our citizens, and by the military power kept and still keeps them in confinement against and in contempt of all civil process;

Now, therefore be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That recognizing ours relation to the Federal Government, we feel that while we cannot do more we can do no less than enter this our solemn protest, against the said acts of the President of the United States, and declare the same to be gross usurpation, unjust, oppressive, tyrannical and in utter violation of common right and of the plain provisions of the constitution.

Resolved, That the right of separation from the Federal Union is a right neither arising under, nor prohibited by the Constitution, but a sovereign right, independent of the Constitution to be exercised by the several States upon their own responsibility, neither do we believe that the Federal Government has any power under the Constitution to wage war against a State for the purpose of subjugation or conquest.

Resolved, That prudence and policy demand that the war now waged shall cease, that if persisted in, it will result in the ruin and destruction of both sections, and a longer continuance of it will utterly annihilate the last hope of a reconstruction of this Union; therefore we want peace, and are in favor of a recognition of the Southern