

owned, by this State,) has proved amply sufficient, even in this time of rebellion, to supply to the government of the United States, to the people of this State, and to the traveling public, the fullest means of access to the Capital, of military communication, and of facilities for supplies, which could be desired; *and whereas*, it is known, that in the event of a failure to fulfill these needs this State was always ready under proper conditions and restrictions, to grant such other charter as the public necessities might require; *and, whereas*, notwithstanding the known and well approved loyalty of the State, and its perfect disposition to do whatever was needful in the premises, no application has been made to the Legislature of this State, for the authority now sought to be exercised, but only to the Congress of the United States, and with no other purpose, as is believed, but to evade the restrictions, which this State might lawfully impose for the security of its own just interests, and for the proper protection of its inhabitants; *and, whereas*, the history of the country affords no precedent, authorizing such an attempt to supercede the proper exercise of the Legislative powers of a loyal State; therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland*, That we do hereby, in the name of the State of Maryland, enter our solemn protest against the authorization by Congress of any railroad within the State of Maryland connecting with the Northern Central Railroad, and extending to the limits of the District of Columbia, declaring that in our judgment no necessity whatever can be successfully shown to exist for such authorization.

*Resolved*, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled, be earnestly requested not to sanction or authorize the construction of any Railroad through this State, without giving to the Legislature thereof, and to all persons interested in such projected road, the fullest opportunity of presenting their views in relation thereto, before committees of the two Houses of Congress, duly charged with the office of examining the same.