

fraught with danger and untold evils ; that the loyal State of Maryland has a right to insist that her voice be heard on this subject, in which she has so great an interest at stake ; that the dissolution of this Union, however much to be deprecated by other States, would fall with ten-fold weight upon her, and that, in a spirit of conciliation, she calls upon her sisters of the North to frown down every attempt to revive a subject which has, in the hands of wicked and ambitious men, contributed so largely to produce the calamities that have befallen the nation ; that she calls upon them as co-inheritors of the great patrimony bequeathed to us by our fathers, to remove from their statute books every enactment calculated to disturb the friendly feeling that should subsist between the people of both sections of our country ; and to rebuke, in an unmistakeable manner, those of their Representatives in Congress who are wasting their time in devising schemes for the abolition of Slavery in the rebellious States.

*Resolved*, That we believe the great body of the people in the free States have no disposition to interfere with the rights of the Slave States, and that they are willing to permit those who are alone responsible for, and have an interest in the institution of Slavery, to manage it as they in their wisdom, shall think best for their own welfare, and that of their posterity ; that if they will hearken to the voice of Maryland, and with a magnanimity becoming the American character, insist that their own conservative sense of justice be heard and acted upon in the councils of the nation, now that their section has entire control of the Government, they will not only strengthen the hands of the Government in its efforts to crush the rebellion, but will prepare the way for a speedy return to the protection of the Government of those who have been led astray by their traitorous leaders.

*Resolved*, That while our Government is now preparing to strike down, with irresistible force, parricidal hands which have been raised for its destruction, it is meet and right that we should welcome back with warm hearts and open arms, those who have been seduced from their allegiance by designing men.