

RESOLUTIONS.

traitorous poison of able and reckless emissaries from rebellious States, openly sent in abuse of the known comity of our people, to corrupt, and thus subvert the government of Maryland,—in despite of the example of States and Governors, and of the most disingenuous appeals to sectional prejudices; and in disregard alike of the solicitations and threats of men of talents, of influence, and of high social and political positions, and of menaces of personal insult and violence—the Governor of this State, through the deepest gloom of our national adversity, has stood faithfully by the country, faithfully by his State, and faithfully by his oath and his official integrity.

Resolved, That this position of loyalty, so steadily maintained by Governor Hicks, has averted from the State violence and bloodshed between its own people, and the occupation of its territory by contending armies, and the consequent destruction of its towns and country homes, as well as the annihilation, within its limits, of that species of property, whose safety was the ostensible object of this rebellion.

Resolved, That of all the States of the Union, in which the rebellious spirit obtained considerable hold, Maryland is the only one whose Governor has elevated himself to the lofty standard of patriotism required by the exigencies of the country: and that this course has proved not more honorable to himself than beneficial to the people over whom he was called to preside, the deplorable condition of our sister States, of Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri, makes mournfully manifest.

Resolved, That had the Governor followed the examples by which he was surrounded, Maryland would have had affixed to her name the burning shame of having repudiated, without cause, that great constitutional compact to which she was bound by the most solemn pledges of our ancestors.

Resolved, Therefore, that the thanks of the people of Maryland, and of this Legislature, are due and are hereby cordially tendered by the representatives of the State, in General Assembly convened, to Governor Thomas H. Hicks, for the manner in which he has met this solemn crisis in our national history.