

ance with the terms of cession, in their letter and their spirit.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the State of Maryland never designed, nor did the General Government at the time of cession contemplate the using of the sovereignty over the District of Columbia, to the detriment of the local institutions of the State of Maryland.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the State of Maryland was at the time of the adoption of the Federal Constitution, and is now in feeling, and in all the features of her constitution and her laws, essentially, fully and unequivocally a slaveholding State.

*Resolved unanimously,* That any attempt by Congress to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, would be a violation of the implied conditions of the cession, a just cause of alarm to the slaveholding States, and have a direct and inevitable tendency to disturb and endanger the Union.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the State of Maryland loves and values the Union for the glories of the past, the happiness of the present, and the high destinies of the future, and she believes no truly American and patriotic heart would wish to disturb the great compromises which have made, and can alone sustain and preserve it, or would willingly use the powers of the Federal Government for the purpose of oppressing or trampling upon the rights and interests of any of the States.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the territories of the United States belong to the several States of this Union, and the Congress of the United States cannot rightfully pass any law, or do any act which is calculated to prevent or deter the citizens of any of the said States from removing to and settling with their property of every description, upon said territories.

*Resolved unanimously,* That we recur with pride and satisfaction, to the conciliatory and friendly feeling that pervaded the council board of the old thirteen States, when our present glorious constitution was made, and following the example there set by our fathers, we would in this our day of difficulty and trial, invoke a similar spirit to attend the distracted councils of the Federal Union, but if we be disappointed in this, our solemn and earnest invocation, it is due to ourselves and to the people of the United States, that we should declare that Maryland will take