

unwilling, and could not consent to forbear urging the further prosecution of the inquiry by summoning and examining under oath, other witnesses who were supposed to be perfectly impartial and worthy of all credit, lists of whose names they presented to the Committee to the number of nineteen; nine of whom they had been advised were some time members of the order, and some of them said to have attained to the highest degrees in it, but who had withdrawn from it;—and ten of whom, they had reason to believe were, and are still, distinguished and leading members of said order—all of them residents in the city of Baltimore, and whose attendance could therefore have been easily, speedily and cheaply obtained. But the majority refused by a distinct vote to order them, or any of them, to be summoned, Messrs. Kennedy, Hall and Goldsborough voting in the negative, and Messrs. Merrick and Smith in the affirmative.

At the next meeting of the Committee, which took place on the 8th of February, after some conversation between the members, a sketch of the substance of which will be found in the journal of the proceedings of the Committee hereto appended, and a distinct and explicit statement by the three gentlemen composing the majority of the Committee, that the platform published by the Convention held in the city of Philadelphia, in June, 1855, (a copy of which was produced, marked, and is hereto appended,) contained a true exposition of the principles of the "American Party," and that they and their party associates acknowledged themselves bound by each and every one of the principles and doctrines contained in that platform,—Mr. Hall offered the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Governor in his reply to the Committee of investigation, clearly points out, and identifies the American Party of the Philadelphia Platform, published in June, 1855, as the object of his animadversion, which was unanimously assented to.

2d. "*Resolved*, That the Committee deem the summoning of witnesses before it to prove the statement or description of the principles, objects and purposes of the American Party of the Philadelphia Platform, published in June, 1855, as an *insult* to the intelligence of a large majority of the people of Maryland, through their representatives." Upon this resolution the vote of the Committee stood: Affirmative, Kennedy, Hall and Goldsborough. Negative, Merrick and Smith.

3d. "*Resolved*, That this Committee, in the investigation of the principles, objects and purposes of the American