

there was another outburst of great anger on the part of the majority. By motion of Mr. Hatch, of Baltimore City, thanks were tendered to Ishmael Day, of Baltimore County, "for the heroic and gallant act in shooting down the traitor who dared to pull down the country's flag." Mr. Schley, of Frederick County, offered an order that the Convention request the President, "as an act of justice and propriety, to assess upon known sympathizers with the rebellion resident in this state, the total amount of all losses and spoliations sustained by loyal citizens of the United States resident in this state, by reason of the recent rebel raid, to compensate loyal sufferers." This was passed by a vote of 33 to 17, the minority solidly opposing it.²⁹ On the following day Mr. Belt offered a resolution that this order "was improvidently passed, and that the same be and is hereby rescinded," but it was overwhelmingly defeated by the majority members.³⁰ On this same day Mr. Stirling submitted resolutions which, considering the number of Southern sympathizers in Maryland, as the experience of the past two weeks had shown, demanded of the Government of the United States that all those refusing to take the oath of allegiance or who shall have been "proved to have taken part with or openly expressed their sympathy with the recent invasion of the state . . . be banished beyond the lines of the army or imprisoned during the war."³¹ These resolutions were passed on July 21.³² The minority consistently fought all these extreme proceedings, the resolutions being characterized as "unjust, extraordinary and inhuman,"³³ and they not only voted against them, but actively opposed them in debate, urging in particular that the Convention was exceeding its authority by thus acting in a legislative capacity. Mr. Belt vainly attempted to amend Mr. Stirling's resolutions by declaring that nothing contained therein should be taken to endorse any other theory of the

²⁹ Proc., 257-8.

³¹ Proc., 265-6.

³⁰ Proc., 267-8; Deb., ii, 830-1.

³² Proc., 273-7.

³³ Deb., ii, 873.