

as the government of the United States have so long sought to perfect, for the preservation and civilization of the Indian race; and whereas, this policy of pushing the Indians from place to place, having, as is most natural, strongly embittered their feelings towards the people of the United States, by whom they look upon themselves as being greatly aggrieved and oppressed; and whereas, a feeling of this kind, when cherished by so vast a body of Indians as are now collected there in *one mass*, is liable to break out and cause to this nation a long and bloody and costly war,— Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, That this whole subject of our Indian relations calls for the prompt attention of the Congress of the United States in which body, alone, is lodged the power, and where the wisdom doubtless exists to adjudge and decide what is best to be done in the premises; and the General Assembly do hereby further state, that in their opinion, the best and most effectual plan to preserve and enlighten, dignify and elevate the character and improve the condition of the remnants of the Indian tribes, to whose country through much suffering on their part we have succeeded, would be to adopt them as members of the great family of the American Union—under the form: First, of Territorial relations in all respects such as exist (for example,) between the United States and the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, giving to the Indians the same title to and in the soil of the country to which they have by our policy been removed; guarded as in the wisdom of Congress may be deemed best and most expedient to prevent impositions upon the Indian proprietors—with the prospective privilege under the appropriate and constitutional provisions of being admitted into the Union.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, the principal tribes now embodied in what is called the "*Indian Territory*," south and west of Arkansas and Missouri are already qualified to appreciate and profit by those relations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions with the preamble, be transmitted to the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, as containing the deliberately formed views of the Legislature of Maryland, and that their attention be, and is hereby called to the consideration of the whole subject of our Indian relations, with the view of securing the protection, civilization and elevation in the scale of their being of the remnants of the aboriginal race of our country.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Potter moved that three hundred copies be printed for the use of the members of the legislature;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. McKaig,

The House took up for consideration the bill from the Senate entitled, an act relating to courts of Chancery;