

ples towards this class of people, Maryland cannot but be mortified to find some of her sister States, arrogating to themselves, supremacy of morals and more enlightened policy, without deference to the different views of others, adopting a course of conduct, which cannot but be productive of the most lamentable consequence.

Resolved, That Congress has no power under the Constitution to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and that such States are the sole and proper judges of every thing appertaining to their own affairs not prohibited by the Constitution. That all efforts of the abolitionists or others made to induce Congress to interfere with subjects of slavery, or to take incipient steps in relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences, and that all such efforts have inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people and endanger the stability and permanency of the Union and ought not to be countenanced by any friend of our political institutions.

Resolved, That the Legislature of Massachusetts by the recent action adopted upon this subject, has in an organized form, placed herself in the opinion of this General Assembly, in an attitude well calculated to disturb the compromises of the Constitution, and to encourage the fanatical crusade against the rights of their southern brethren, and well adapted to create serious apprehensions, as to the perpetuity of our glorious Union. The course of that great State, in her legislative capacity, we cannot but consider as highly disloyal to the Constitutional integrity of the Federal compact, and under all the circumstances displaying very bad faith to her sister States, whose peculiar institutions differ from hers. That in a spirit of fraternal respect, we invoke from the patriotic sons of that ancient commonwealth a reconsideration of their aforesaid action, and beseech them as they regard the holy connection of the States, not to persist in their efforts to open again this vexed question, which in its renewed agitation, must terminate in a state of things which all friends of the Constitutional Union as it is, would seriously deplore. That we call upon them, in the spirit which dictated its formation to pause in their career of proposed innovation.

Resolved, That justice and sound policy forbid the Federal Government to foster one branch of industry to the detriment of another, or to cherish the interest of one portion to the injury of another portion of our common country; that every citizen and every section of the country has a right to demand and insist upon an equality of rights and privileges, and to complete and ample protection of persons and property from domestic violence or foreign aggression.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State cause to be transmitted, a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress and to the Governors of the