

against the Government, shall have signified their assent to the aforesaid proposition; we do earnestly recommend to the Congress of the United States the adoption of the Crittenden Compromise as it stood prior to its amendment, and urge its acceptance upon the part of the Legislatures of the several States of the Union, as a suitable amendment to the Constitution.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Legislatures of the several States, the adoption of the proposition passed by the Peace Conference, sanctioned by Congress, and already ratified by several of the States, as an amendment to the Constitution.

Resolved, That in the event the aforesaid propositions should be adopted by Congress, and rejected by the people now in rebellion against the Government, the proffered mediation of Maryland, in behalf of the rebellious States, will have failed in its objects, and we will accept of the only alternative left us, and that is to prosecute the war with the utmost vigor, and aid to the utmost extent of our ability to uphold that Constitution and that Union bequeathed to us by a patriotic ancestry, and vouchsafed to us by the special Providence of God.

Which were read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Firey,

Were made the Order of the Day for Wednesday next, the 29th instant, 1 o'clock.

Mr. Eichelberger, from the committee on Judicial Proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to amend the 37th article of the Code of Public General Laws, by repealing the 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5th sections of said article, relating to the competency of witnesses, and inserting in said article in lieu of the sections so repealed the following sections, relating to the competency of witnesses and the examination of parties, reported it without amendment;

The bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Smith from the committee on Judicial Proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to amend article 43, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to habeas corpus, reported it without amendment;

The bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Bayne, from the committee on Colored Population, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to carry into effect the bequest of freedom to certain slaves, made by the last will and testament of John Randall, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, by authorizing his widow, Executrix,