

On motion of Mr. Eichelberger,

Leave was granted the committee on Judicial Proceedings, to report a bill to appropriate a sum of money in payment for legal services rendered by Thos. Donaldson, under appointment of the Governor.

Mr. Willis submitted the following joint resolutions in relation to the state of the country:

Whereas, the General Assembly of Maryland believe the rebellion in the disloyal States to be an unholy war in an unrighteous cause against the best Government ever known to man, in which our affections are interwoven by the toil and labor of two generations of our race, and which we are bound to perpetuate and defend; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we are tired of the eternal and intolerable secession and negro question, out of which so many evils have grown, in paralyzing the trade and commerce of our once prosperous country. That we belong to no party that has for its object the dissolution of the Union, and that any man who by word or deed, would do aught to dissolve the Union, is false to his God and an enemy to his race, and a traitor to his country, and should the people of these United States allow this Government to be broken up, they would betray the greatest political trust that was ever placed by Almighty God in human hands. For a country without a Government, is no country at all, and he who would trample under foot the Laws and Constitution of a country that has so generously afforded a home for the poor and oppressed of every land and nation, acts more like a fool and knave, than a wise and honest man. We believe an injury done to the meanest subject is an insult to the whole nation. That with Roman courage, and Spartan valor, we will defend it; like Hannibal, the old Carthaginian, we will lead our sons to our country's altar on which to take the oath of allegiance to it. Like the senior Brutus, we will sit in judgment on the trial of our rebel sons, sign their death warrants, and witness their execution. For their country they will fight, bleed, and die, like Cato. He that is for his country we are with him, but he that is against our country, our swords are against him; that, if Rome fall, we will be innocent. We will reward merit and punish crime, and bestow superior distinction upon superior merit.

Resolved, That we recommend the Congress of the United States, and all those in authority, to use all possible means in their power to crush revolt, rebellion, and treason out of the land, giving all possible aid and protection to every loyal man, and that the war shall not be on Maryland soil, and that she shall not be made the break-water and bulwark of Secession folly, that would make her the slaughter house of