

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Firey, from the joint committee, submitted the following resolutions of thanks to Gov. Thos. H. Hicks :

*Joint Resolutions of Thanks to Governor Thomas H. Hicks.*

WHEREAS, The practice of all nations points out the wisdom of rewarding eminent public services by marked tokens of admiration and gratitude ; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That amidst the bold, insidious and powerful efforts which have been made for the last year to destroy the Government of the United States, and to reduce the country to a condition of moral and physical imbecility—in despite of the traitorous poison of able and reckless emissaries from rebellious States, openly sent in abuse of the known comity of our people, to corrupt and thus subvert the Government of Maryland—in despite of the example of States and Governors, and of the most disingenuous appeals to sectional prejudices—and in disregard alike of solicitations and threats of men of talents, of influence and of high social and political positions, and of menaces of personal insult and violence ; the Governor of this State, through the deepest gloom of our national adversity, has stood faithfully by the country, faithfully by his State and faithfully by his oath and his official integrity.

Resolved, That this position of loyalty, so steadily maintained by Governor Hicks, has averted from the State violence and bloodshed between its own people, and the occupation of its territory by contending armies, and the consequent destruction of its towns and country homes, as well as the annihilation within her limits of that species of property whose safety was the ostensible object of this rebellion.

Resolved, That of all the States of the Union in which the rebellious spirit obtained considerable hold, Maryland is the only one whose Governor has elevated himself to that lofty standard of patriotism required by the exigencies of the country ; and, that this course has proved not more honorable to himself than beneficial to the people over whom he was called to preside, the deplorable condition of our sister States of Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri makes mournfully manifest.

Resolved, That had the Governor followed the examples by which he was surrounded, Maryland would have had affixed to her name the burning shame of having repudiated without cause that great constitutional compact to which she was bound by the most solemn pledges of our ancestors.

Resolved, therefore, That the thanks of the people of Ma-