

revolutionized ourselves in the attempt to suppress a revolution.

6th. That while, therefore, to sum up all, we, in behalf of the loyal people of Maryland, chosen and elected for that purpose, are ready to vote, without stint, both men and money, in order to quell this most "unrighteous, unnatural and unchristian" rebellion now waged against the Government, we would respectfully solicit, that the resolutions commonly known as the Crittenden resolutions, or others, similar in effect, be re-affirmed by Congress, and the war maintain the original dignity of its purpose to restore the Union, the Constitution, and the supremacy of the laws.

Which were read.

Mr. Findlay moved the rules be suspended in order that his resolutions pass to a second reading ;

Which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Creswell,

The resolutions were referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Harris, of St. Mary's, offered the following :

WHEREAS, many citizens of the State of Maryland are held as prisoners by the Government of the United States, having been arrested by the orders of said government, upon the plea of necessity arising out of the peculiar and critical condition of this country ; And whereas, so far at least as Maryland is concerned, there appears to be no fair reason for the continuance of said imprisonment upon any such plea, even if it were at any time excusable or justifiable ; And whereas, Maryland has always deemed it her duty to protect and defend her citizens when brought to such a condition, and will continue to do so, as far as she may have power to act for their deliverance when not inconsistent with honor and propriety ; Therefore, resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the committee on Federal Relations of the House of Delegates, in conjunction with the same committee in the Senate, shall on an early day after the passage of these resolutions, proceed to Washington city, request an interview with His Excellency the President of the United States, and express to him the strong desire of the General Assembly of Maryland for the release of our imprisoned fellow-citizens, and urge upon him the propriety of their early unconditional discharge from prison.

Resolved, That said joint committee shall report to this General Assembly in writing their proceedings and the result of the interview, they may have had with His Excellency, the President.

Which were read, and