

appeal with united voice to our brethren of the Northern States to discountenance, by every means in their power, all attempts to revive the agitation of this subject, as not only productive of no good, but, as the history of the present shows, fraught with danger and untold evil; that the loyal State of Maryland, has a right to insist that her voice be heard on this subject in which she has so great an interest at stake; that the dissolution of this Union, however much to be deprecated by other States, would fall with tenfold weight upon her, and that, in a spirit of conciliation, she calls upon her sisters of the North, to frown down every attempt to revive a subject, which has, in the hands of wicked and ambitious men, contributed so largely to produce the calamities that have befallen the nation; that she calls upon them as co-inheritors of the great patrimony bequeathed to us by our fathers, to remove from their statute books every enactment calculated to disturb the friendly feeling that should subsist between the people of both sections of our country; and to rebuke, in an unmistakable manner, those of their representatives in Congress, who are wasting their time in devising schemes for the abolition of slavery in the rebellious States.

Resolved, That we believe the great body of the people in the free States, have no disposition to interfere with the rights of the slave States, and that they are willing to permit those who are alone responsible for, and have an interest in, the institution of slavery, to manage it as they, in their wisdom, shall think best for their own welfare and that of their posterity; that if they will hearken to the voice of Maryland, and, with a magnanimity becoming the American character, insist that their own conservative sense of justice be heard and acted upon in the councils of the Nation, now that their section has entire control of the Government; they will not only strengthen the hands of the Government in its efforts to crush the rebellion, but will prepare the way for a speedy return to the protection of that Government of those who have been led astray by their traitorous leaders.

Resolved, That while our Government is now preparing to strike down, with irresistible force, the parricidal hands which have been raised for its destruction. it is meet and right that we should welcome back, with warm hearts and open arms, those who have been seduced from their allegiance by designing men.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be requested to send a copy of these resolutions to the Executive of each loyal State, and request them to lay the same before their respective Legislatures.

Which were read the second time and passed by yeas and nays, as follow: