

7. Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolutions to the President of the United States, and to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Mathews submitted the following joint resolutions:

WHEREAS, the perpetuity of the Government of the United States, has been put in jeopardy by the machinations of the politicians, and the misguided conduct of a portion of the people of certain Southern States, and in consequence thereof, insurrection and rebellion have been made to wear the terrible proportions of a civil war, whose end is not clear to our eyes :

And whereas, in times of revolt and commotion, the duties of allegiance, as well as the dictates of self-preservation, alike demand the utmost exertion on the part of loyal men to sustain all who are in authority in the fulfillment of their obligations ;

And whereas, differences of opinion exist in reference to interpretations of the Constitution, so far as the latter is claimed to provide needful ways for the arrest of its enemies;

And whereas, the officers of the Government, are simply the agents of the people, who are invested with power by the people, to defend and preserve their liberties, and official integrity, and popular confidence in the officers of the Government, are reciprocally essential to a vigorous, comprehensive and successful pursuit of national unity, peace and prosperity; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the people of this Commonwealth have faith in the honesty and purpose of the President of the United States, to do whatever may be best for the overthrow of rebellion, and the support of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That the immunities of citizenship are the creations of law, and their exercise depends upon the demonstration of loyalty and obedience to the law ; that traitorous men, by conspiracy and fraud in council, by opposition to the just administration of the Government, by the manifestation of sympathy for those in arms against it, and by striving to excite further insurrection and provoke greater hostility against the Government, are dangerous enemies of the people and of their institutions, and as such, it is the duty of the President to secure them, and to keep them harmless, so long as the exigencies of public safety may justify.

Resolved, That the President of the United States deserves the thanks of the people of Maryland, for his administration of the Government, which has so far protected their rights,