

lations is a thing beyond hope, and that the attempt to coerce them will only add slaughter and hate to impossibility.

Resolved, That the present military occupation of Maryland, being for the purposes, in the opinion of this Legislature, in flagrant violation of the Constitution, the General Assembly of the State, in the name of her people, does hereby protest against the same, and against the oppressive restrictions and illegalities with which it is attended; calling upon all good citizens, at the same time, in the most earnest and authoritative manner, to abstain from all violent and unlawful interference, of every sort, with the troops in transit through our territory, or quartered among us, and patiently and peacefully to leave to time and reason the ultimate and certain re-establishment and vindication of the right.

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, it is inexpedient to call a Sovereign Convention of the State at this time, or to take any measure for the immediate organization or arming of the militia.

SENATE AMENDMENTS.

And be it further Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consist of four member of the Senate and four members of the House of Delegates, four of which Committee, (to be selected of themselves,) shall as early as possible, wait on the President of the United States at Washington, and the other four of said Committee shall wait on the President of the Southern Confederacy, for the purpose of laying the foregoing resolutions before them; and that said Committee be, and is hereby especially instructed to obtain, if possible, a general cessation of hostilities, now impending, until the meeting of Congress in July next, in order that said Body may, if possible, arrange for an adjustment of existing troubles by means of negotiation, rather than the sword.

Resolved, That said Committee consist of Messrs. Brooke, Yellott, McKaig, and Lynch, of the Senate, and Messrs. —, —, — and —, of the House of Delegates.

Resolved, That said Committee be requested to report, if practicable, to the General Assembly, on the 5th day of June next.