

Resolved, that whenever the exigencies of the Government should require it, Congress is clothed by the constitution, with ample authority to put in requisition all the resources of the country—and a patriotic people will never fail to sustain a government of their own choice, with all the means in their power.

Resolved, that the Senators and Representatives from this State, in Congress, be requested to bring the subjects embraced in the preceding resolutions, before their respective houses, and to urge the adoption of such measures as will be in accordance therewith.

Resolved, that his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to forward to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Which were read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Handy moved that the house adjourn;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Richardson submitted the following preamble and resolutions—

Whereas the great charter of our liberties, the declaration of independence, proclaims and establishes, upon the broad basis of eternal truth, the glorious and ennobling doctrine that all men are created equal, and of right ought to be free—

And whereas the citizens of this free and happy country hold these truths as sacred and inviolable, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of the happiness or liberties of the governed, it is *the right* of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness—

And whereas the people of Maryland have beheld with grief and indignation a soulless despotism trampling with ruthless feet upon the lives, the liberties and the happiness of the people of a neighboring state, and have witnessed with feelings of unmingled admiration and delight their brilliant, chivalrous and successful resistance to their oppressors, and their establishment of a government suited to their wishes, and guaranteeing the equal rights of all—

And whereas sound policy, reason and justice all combine in urging us to acknowledge their independence, and to welcome them into the family of nations—Therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That