

11. That the power to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* is confided to Congress alone, and can only be rightfully exercised when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it. The attempt therefore, on the part of the Federal Executive to suspend the *habeas corpus* under any circumstances, is an unwarrantable assumption of power, and especially does the Proclamation of September twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, declaring "the great writ of right" suspended in certain cases in States not in rebellion, disregard and attempt to overthrow the plain provisions of the Constitution for the protection of the liberties of the people, and will, in the opinion of this General Assembly, if persevered in by the Executive and submitted to by the people, end in the subversion of our Republican form of government.

12. That the invasion of this State by troops in the service of the United States, on the fourth day of November last, being the day of our General Election, was an indignity offered by the Federal administration to the sovereignty of Delaware and an insult to her citizens; that the stationing of armed soldiers at the polls on the day aforesaid was a gross outrage upon the elective franchise and an assault upon free government; that this wicked and premeditated attempt to force by intimidation a concurrence of public sentiment with the views and wishes of the administration at Washington, was alike violative of the dearest rights of the people and dangerous to our free institutions, and was viewed by the honest people of the State, and is regarded by this Legislature, with indignation and alarm. We, therefore, the representatives of a law abiding but gallant constituency do in their name and on their behalf, solemnly protest against this uncalled for and wicked outrage.

13. That "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty;" and that at a time like the present, it behooves the people of every section of our common country to scrutinize the action of the present Federal administration, "the history of which has been a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States."