

the process of reform, which is slow but sure, and refrain from all unlawful and unconstitutional acts which have already brought terrible calamities upon the country ; whilst we invoke the aid of all patriotic men, to avert the evils that threaten our free institutions.

2. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly declares, as before it has often times declared, that the State of Kentucky hath ever been, and is, loyal to the Government of the United States of America, and is determined to maintain that loyalty against both domestic and foreign foes.

3. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly recognizes a manifest difference between any administration of the Government and the Government itself. The one is transitory, limited in duration only to that period of time for which the officers elected by the people are charged with the conduct of the same ; the other is permanent, intended by its founders to endure forever.

4. *Resolved*. That this General Assembly now, in the exercise of its right to differ in opinion with the National Executive, enters its solemn protest against the proclamation of the President of the United States, dated 1st January, 1863, by which he assumes to emancipate all slaves within certain States—holding the same to be unwise, unconstitutional and void.

5. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly declares that the power which has recently been assumed by the President of the United States, whereby, under the guise of military necessity, he has proclaimed and extended martial law over States where war did not exist, and has suspended the writ of *habeas corpus*, is unwarranted by the Constitution, and its tendency is to subordinate civil to military authority, and to subvert constitutional and free government.

6. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly declines to accept the President's proposition for Emancipation, as contained in his Proclamation of the 19th May, 1862.

7. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly deems it proper further to declare, that it, together with all the loyal people of the State, would hail with pleasure and delight any manifes-