

the Governor's Message, and the joint preamble and resolutions accompany the same.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. McCreery and Snyder, be the Committee on the part of the Senate.

*Whereas*, The President of the United States, in his proclamation of the 10th instant, has exhibited a just view of the origin of our free Constitution, and of the powers confided, by that sacred instrument, to the States and the General Government: *And whereas*, by the said Proclamation, the assumed power of a State to annul a law of Congress is conclusively shewn to be "incompatible with the existence of the Union, contradicted expressly by the letter of the Constitution, unauthorized by its spirit, inconsistent with every principle on which it was founded, and destructive of the great object for which it was formed." *And whereas*, the particular application of this assumed power to the alleged grievances of S. Carolina, is most ably and unanswerably refuted; and the dangerous and treasonable doctrine of the right of secession, combatted by the clearest reasoning, is denounced in a spirit of devoted attachment to the Union: *And whereas*, also, the Executive has expressed a confident reliance on the undivided support of the nation, in his "determination to execute the laws; to preserve the Union, by all constitutional means; and to arrest, if possible, by moderate but firm measures, the necessity of a recourse to force."

*Therefore, Resolved by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That we highly approve the sentiments contained in the said Proclamation, and the avowed purpose of repelling the unconstitutional and dangerous designs announced in the "disorganizing edict" of the S. Carolina Convention.

*Resolved*, That whilst we admire the firmness that would resist "the mad project of disunion," we cordially approve the spirit of moderation which deprecates "any offensive act on the part of the U. States."

*Resolved*, That "disunion by armed force is treason," and should be treated as such by the constituted authorities of the nation.

*Resolved*, That whilst we deplore the spirit of disaffection manifested by our S. Carolina brethren, and should hail with unmingled satisfaction their return to the first great principles of our Union, we hold it to be the duty of every citizen of the U. States, without distinction of sect or par-