[illegible] Paper [illegible] organization and arm [illegible] Union, yet [illegible] and the constitution be what they may. The interview by our commissioners with the President leaves that point at rest. It is not every [illegible] free men to realize such a state of things; but it is not our fault that we are helpless, nor our shame that our helplessness is abused.

The Committee respectfully recommend that no action be taken towards the re-organization of the militia at this time, or the doing of any act which might be construed into hostility to the Government, and that, if any purchase of arms be indispensable, it be confined, at the farthest, to such reasonable quantity as may be manufactured in our own State, for local purposes, and may aid in the equipment of the militia, when a plan for their proper enrolment and distribution shall be matured at some future day. The purchase of such a quantity can give no just ground for complaint in any quarter, as the slightest inquiry will show that the total disarm of the militia system, for many years past, has left us almost wholly defenceless in many parts of the State, and renders some such arrangement indispensable as a measure of domestic policy.

The Committee regard it as within their province further to suggest to this honorable body the propriety of adjourning over to some named day, as soon as its present and pressing duties are discharged. In their opinion, the exigencies of the present crisis do not permit a final adjournment, with any proper regard to the responsibilities and dangers which may, at any moment, be precipitated on the State.

Finally, the Committee respectfully submit to the House the following resolutions, and pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the matters before them.

S. T. WALLIS,
J. H. GOUDY,
G. W. GOSBORNIGH,
JAMES T. BISCOE,
BARNES COMPTON.

Whereas in the judgment of the General Assembly of Maryland, a war now waged by the government of the United States upon the people of the Confederate States is unconstitutional in its origin, purpose and character, repugnant to civilization and sound policy, subversive of the free principles upon which the Federal Union was founded, and [illegible] to result only in hopeless and bloody [illegible] of our existing institutions; and

Whereas the people of Maryland, [illegible] recognizing the allegiance of their State as a member of the Union, to submit in good faith to the exercise of all the loyal and constitutional powers of the General Government, and to join as one man in fighting the battles, do reverence to the great American principle [illegible] their northern [illegible] noble and manly determination [illegible] and defend the same; and

Whereas, not in [illegible] their own necessities [illegible] turn away from their own soil the [illegible] of civil war, for the blessings of hospitality, and to [illegible] the wanton [illegible] of fraternal blood, [illegible] a miserable condition which can bring nothing with it but sorrow and desolation to the people of Maryland [illegible] with the [illegible] hearts upon such a consummation [illegible] now there [illegible] it is hereby

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State of Maryland owes it to her own self-respect and her respect to the civilization, not less than to her deepest and most honorable sympathies, to register this her solemn protest against the war which the Federal government has declared upon the Sovereign States of the South, and our resistance to the Constitution of which we announce her firm determination to have no part or lot in the war, direct or indirect, in its prosecution.

Resolved, That the State of Maryland [illegible] assistance to the rest of the States between the following rivers, to wit: [illegible] Potomac, and the Pocomoke, authorities of the Confederate States, having [illegible] over and over again [illegible] modification [illegible] the United States accepted [illegible] to him as the [illegible] Maryland [illegible] and [illegible] between the following rivers, to wit: [illegible] Potomac, and the Pocomoke, authorities of the Confederate States, having