

victory may be won by truth, justice, toleration and liberty, under the broad shadow of the national constitution.

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The following resolutions were adopted by the convention:

Whereas the Legislature of Maryland has, in the just exercise of its powers, offered to the citizens of this ancient Commonwealth an opportunity to reform the errors contained in its present constitution and thereby save the people from their evil consequences; and whereas certain mischievous and misguided persons, from selfish and sinister purposes, are seeking to misrepresent the intention of those engaged in this great measure of reform; and whereas, it is our duty and pleasure, in sincere truth and honesty, to declare to our fellow-citizens that we have no desire but to recover our imprescriptible rights, which have been for no offence taken away, and in doing so shall use only such peaceable means as the law places in our hands; now, therefore, be it resolved:

First. That on this befitting occasion, we, the representatives of a law-loving people, reaffirm our devotion to the constitution of the United States and the Union thereof, upon terms of justice and equality, and that we will by all the peaceable means within our reach uphold and defend it from breach and overthrow, and will withdraw from all persons, who have not like intentions, our confidence and support. That we recognize the sovereignty of the States within the limits of their reserved rights as essential to our happiness and the preservation of our liberties, and all measures tending to weaken them as progressive steps to a central despotism.

Second. That all government founded upon just principles contemplates the well-being and happiness of man, and derives its just powers from the consent of the people; its perversion to any other purpose or end is a tyranny that ought to be abated. Many of the provisions of the present constitution of Maryland were conceived in malignity, fashioned in intolerance and a narrow conception of right, and enforced against the will of the people, and, therefore, it ought to be abrogated and a new one made, laying its foundations in such clear principles of justice as the past experience of our wisest statesmen may suggest as necessary for the preservation of our liberties, and the tranquility of the State. To that end we invite all good citizens, without party distinction or names, to assemble in their respective wards and choose as candidates for the convention men of known and tried ability and patriotic devotion to the best interests of the whole people.