

above suspicion in their principles, to which this minority cannot, and it is hoped even the majority would not, under other circumstances, bring their minds to consent; for they cannot admit the purity, nor the rectitude of the principles, purposes, nor objects of the "Black Republicans," or Abolition party, who unquestionably now have a large and respectable representation in the Congress of the United States, elected by the people of the several States of the Union, "*in the majesty of their power!!*"

By the second of these resolutions, the majority of the Committee declare the performance of the duties with which they were charged, namely, the summoning of witnesses before them to give testimony "an insult to the intelligence of a large majority of the people of Maryland, through their representatives." In this declaration, the undersigned could not, and cannot, concur, because they cannot believe for a moment, that this House would have ordered any thing to be done which could be construed into an insult to the people of Maryland, and also because from some acquaintance with the people of Maryland, they think themselves well warranted in saying those people have both an instinctive and an habitual love of truth, and therefore far from feeling insulted by any proceeding calculated or intended to eviscerate the truth, particularly in matters involving their rights and interests; nothing, it is believed, could give them higher gratification than such proceedings as would with greater certainty lead to its full development. True, they are a proud and high-spirited people—proud of their own purity of character, and proud of the glory which encircles the character of their State; proud also of the characters of many of their public men, as reflected upon and adding to the elevated position always heretofore maintained by their State, as one of the family of Republican Sisters; but in proportion to the intensity with which they feel this just pride, is and must be the restlessness with which they will hear of imputations, or suspicions supposed to be cast upon any portion of those public men, which are suffered to rest there, or to pass without full and thorough investigation being had in the most solemn manner, and the truth made to shine forth conspicuously before the eyes of all. This minority thought it was in obedience to the spontaneous impulse of the Maryland heart that this investigation was ordered by the House—they know the announcement of it was received with evident satisfaction by large numbers, and they believe by a great majority of the people. Bitter, therefore, it is to be feared, will be their mortification when they shall learn that the at-