

eign republics by Military force is the most preposterous of all absurdities:—that the General Government of these United States is preserved, not by the fear of Military force, but by the concurring *free will and choice* of the people of the several States, and that the contrary doctrine would convert the Government into a MILITARY DESPOTISM.

7. *Resolved*, That the people of the State of South Carolina having, in the same solemn manner in which they adopted the Constitution, declared that their *reserved rights* have been *palpably and deliberately* invaded by the General Government *under color of the Constitution*. but contrary to its *spirit and true meaning*, and that by the interposition of their Courts and juries, they will prevent within the limits of their State, the execution of the acts which they deem unconstitutional after the first day of February next; in this crisis of the affairs of the Union, it is the opinion of this General Assembly, that if the General Government shall find a *peaceable* adjustment of existing difficulties with South Carolina to be impracticable, without a surrender on its part, of powers expressly granted by the Constitution to the General Government, according to its understanding of the Constitution, then, and in that case, the whole subject ought to be referred to a convention of the States, for proposing amendments to the Constitution, for which (in the event supposed) this State does hereby, on her part, make application to the Congress of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the Governor of this State, be, and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, to the President of the United States, to each of the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, and to the Executive of each of the several States.

On motion by Mr. Harper, the house agreed to adjourn which motion was waived for the purpose of receiving the following message from the Senate.

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to divorce Cassandra O'Brien, of the City of Baltimore, from her husband Hugh O'Brien, endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed;

Also, the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Patapsco Savings Institution, at Ellicott's Mills, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table;