

to resist and rebuke all attempts, from any and from every quarter, to convert this war into a crusade against the institution of domestic slavery as it exists in the Southern States, under the guarantees of the Constitution, or to take advantage of the troubled condition of our country for the gratification of personal views or sectional prejudices.

It is, therefore, in accordance with these views,

I. *Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That we cordially approve of the resolution passed at the extra session of Congress, already alluded to, and earnestly desire that in the prosecution of the war, the sentiments and purposes it announces as the deliberate judgment of the Nation, may be steadily kept in view and faithfully adhered to by all the Departments of the Government and by our armies in the field.

II. *Resolved*, That our confidence in the wisdom, firmness and moderation of President Lincoln remain undiminished; that we have seen with approval and gratification the sentiments announced by the President in his recent Message to Congress, presenting his views of the course to be pursued in suppressing the insurrection, and declaring his anxiety that "the inevitable conflict for this purpose shall not degenerate into a remorseless revolutionary struggle," and that in every case he has thought it proper to keep the integrity of the Union the primary object of the contest on the part of the Government.

III. *Resolved*, That the wisdom of the policy announced in the said resolution of Congress, has been signally exemplified in the peaceful triumph achieved by Major General Dix by his admirable Proclamation, issued in conformity with its spirit and purposes, to the people of Accomac and Northampton counties, of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, on the 13th ultimo. And we believe it would be productive of beneficial results if Congress would, at the present time, re-affirm the principles of that resolution, and thereby give assurance that it proclaims the fixed policy of the government.

IV. *Resolved*, That Maryland is ready to fulfil all her constitutional obligations to the General Government, as a loyal State of the Union; and desires that the integrity of the Union may be preserved and the supremacy of the Constitution restored.

V. *Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the President of the United States, and to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.