

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 disuse 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 police.

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.

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 J. H. GORDON,  
 G. W. GOLDSBOROUGH,  
 JAMES T. BRISCOE,  
 BARNES COMPTON.

*Whereas*, in the judgment of the General Assembly of Maryland, the war now waged by the Government of the United States upon the people of the Confederate States, is unconstitutional in its origin, purposes and conduct; repugnant to civilization and sound policy; subversive of the free principles upon which the Federal Union was founded, and certain to result in the hopeless and bloody overthrow of existing institutions; and

*Whereas*, the people of Maryland, while recognizing the obligation of their State, as a member of the Union, to submit in good faith to the exercise of all the legal and constitutional powers of the General Government, and to join as one man in fighting its authorized battles, do reverence, nevertheless, the great American principle of self-government, and sympathize deeply with their Southern brethren in their noble and manly determination to uphold and defend the same; and

*Whereas*, not merely on their own account and to turn away from their own soil the calamities of civil war, but for the blessed sake of humanity, and to avoid the wanton shedding of fraternal blood, in a miserable contest which can bring nothing with it but sorrow, shame