

contrary, for the sake of making, what, in such case, would be a purely gratuitous issue, with the legislative department of the government. Should such correspondence have been had, the Executive records will of course disclose it, if, as your committee are bound to suppose, the constitutional duty of recording "all official acts and proceedings" has been faithfully discharged.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following order and resolutions in conformity with the views above expressed.

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

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker, with instructions to examine the Executive records and call for such persons and papers as they may deem necessary, to enable them to ascertain and report to the House, without delay, the precise character of the relations established by the Executive of this State with the federal government since the commencement of our existing national troubles.

WHEREAS, Ross Winans, a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland, from the city of Baltimore, on his way to his home from the discharge of his official duties, on the 14th of May last, was arbitrarily and illegally arrested, on a public highway, in the presence of the Governor of this State, by an armed force under the orders of the Federal Government, and was forcibly imprisoned and held in custody, thereafter, at Annapolis and Fort McHenry; without color of lawful process or right, by the command and at the arbitrary will and pleasure of the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, sundry other citizens of Maryland have been unlawfully dealt with, in the same despotic and oppressive manner, by the same usurped authority, and some of them have in fact been removed by force beyond the limits of the State of Maryland and the jurisdiction of her tribunals, in utter violation of their rights, as citizens, and of the rights of the State, as a member of the Federal Union: and

WHEREAS, the unconstitutional and arbitrary proceedings of the Federal Executive, have not been confined to the violation of the personal rights and liberties of the citizens of Maryland, but have been extended into every department of oppressive illegality, so that the property of no man is safe;