

the United States at Washington, and the other four of said Committee shall wait on the President of the Southern Confederacy, for the purpose of laying the foregoing resolutions before them; and that said Committee be, and is hereby especially instructed to obtain, if possible, a general cessation of hostilities, now impending, until the meeting of Congress in July next, in order that said Body may, if possible, arrange for an adjustment of existing troubles by means of negotiation, rather than the sword.

*Resolved*, That said Committee consist of Messrs. Brooke, Yellott, McKaig, and Lynch, of the Senate, and Messrs. —, —, — and —, of the House of Delegates.

*Resolved*, That said Committee be requested to report, if practicable, to the General Assembly, on the fifth day of June next.