

NUMBER 15 Confederacy and an acknowledgment of its government.

Resolved, That we deem the writ of Habeas Corpus the great safe-guard of personal liberty, and we view with the utmost alarm and indignation the exercise of the despotic power, that has dared to suspend it in the case of John Merryman now confined in Fort McHenry.

NUMBER 15.

RESOLUTIONS protesting against the unconstitutional and illegal acts of President Lincoln.

Assented to
Aug. 7, 1861.

WHEREAS, The military authorities of the Government of the United States in Baltimore have assumed to remove from office the Marshal of Police of that city, an officer of the State of Maryland, and to appoint his successor; and have further assumed to dismiss from office the Board of Police of Baltimore, a body clothed with high powers by the State of Maryland for the protection of its citizens; and have actually put an end by force, to the exercise by said Board, of its lawful and important functions; and have appointed sundry individuals, in large numbers, to govern the said city, as policemen, in contempt of the constitutional rights of the State of Maryland and in open and flagrant violation of its laws, and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States instead of rebuking the wrong and usurpation aforesaid, has justified and approved the same, under color of "Military necessity," not known to the institutions of the country and fatal to its liberties, and has appropriated large sums of money for the compensation of the said unlawful Police force, so that the members thereof are maintained thereby in daily and oppressive hostility to the laws of Maryland and the rights of its citizens, and constitute in fact a civil government, established by Congress over the chief city of this State, and

WHEREAS, Charles Howard, William H. Gatch-