

trate of our own state, whatever aid in men and money may be required to enable him to enforce the laws and uphold the authority of the federal government, and in defence of the more perfect union which has conferred prosperity and happiness on the American people. Renewing the pledge given and redeemed by our fathers, we are ready to devote our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honors, in upholding the union and the constitution.

Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the union loving citizens of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee, who labor with devoted courage and patriotism to withhold their states from the vortex of secession, are entitled to the gratitude and admiration of the whole people.

Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the governor be respectfully requested to forward forthwith copies of the foregoing resolutions to the president of the nation and the governors of all the states of the union.

Approved January 21, 1861.

NUMBER II.

JOINT RESOLUTION, endorsing report of a minority of the select committee of 33 in Congress of the United States.

Resolved, (if the Assembly concur,) That the following resolution, reported by a minority of the select committee of 33, in the congress of the United States, and signed by Messrs. Tappan, of New Hampshire, and Washburne, of Wisconsin, reflects the judgment and sentiments of the legislature of Wisconsin, and that its wise and patriotic conclusions should be adequate to restore permanent peace and prosperity to our glorious republic :

“Resolved, That the provisions of the constitution are ample for the preservation of the union and the protection of all the material interests of the country ; that it needs to be obeyed rather than amended ; and that extrication from present difficulties should be looked for in efforts to protect and preserve the public prop-

erty and the enforcement of the laws, rather than in new guaranties for particular interests, and concessions to unreasonable demands.”

Approved February 1, 1861.

NUMBER III.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS, relating to the new Administration just inaugurated.

Whereas, A new administration of the government has been inaugurated under circumstances of peculiar embarrassment, with a dissatisfied people in one portion of the union, and seeming to hate the union itself; *and whereas*, the peace and prosperity of the union depend upon its perpetuity, and its perpetuity depends upon the firmness and integrity of the administration of the government, sustained by a law abiding, loyal and union-loving people; *and whereas*, the inaugural address of President Lincoln gives abundant evidence that he possesses that ability and firmness that will restore peace and prosperity to our beloved union, by a strict adherence to all the requirements of the constitution and the laws, showing favor to no one section of the union over another: therefore,

Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That in the inaugural address of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, we recognize the words of the true patriot and the sagacious statesman, and that we hail it as an omen that the government of this country is to be restored to its original purity, as founded by the *father of his country*, assisted by his *compatriots of revolutionary memory*.

Resolved, That, in the language of the inaugural, “Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battle field and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

Resolved, That we pledge the faith of the people of Wisconsin to aid the president of the United States in