

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Carroll,
Eichelberger,
Given,

Ohr,
Purnell,

Stirling,
Tome—7.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, Pt.
Bayne,
Bayless,

Briscoe,
Campbell,
Firey,

Rowles,
Willis—8.

Mr. Briscoe submitted the following amendment :

WHEREAS, The General Assembly, in common with the people of the State of Maryland, are deeply impressed with a sense of the importance and magnitude of the events that are rapidly pressing themselves upon their consideration; and whereas, we believe that in the midst of this most deplorable and unhappy war, it is no less the duty than the imperative interest of our people, to revive and cherish a sacred remembrance of all those vital and necessary principles of government, upon which the perpetuity of our liberties, and the no less sacred rights of property rest: therefore be it resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that it is a duty of paramount importance to the people of this State to maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this State, in all their provisions, and for this end it is their duty to watch over and oppose every infraction of the same, coming from any quarter whatever.

Resolved, That there is in the people of this State a supreme and absolute authority in which the right of sovereignty resides; that this right should be preserved, and that the State cannot exist without it; that this authority guarantees to the citizens of this State the tenure of real and personal property within its jurisdiction, secures personal liberty, punishes crime, establishes the order of inheritance and all the benefits of the social and political compact; that it is an ultimate right of the most sacred import, and cannot be alienated, infringed or impaired, without a loss of that power which is essential to our State government.

Resolved, That the Government of the United States cannot, within the exercise of its just and constitutional authority, assume to occupy toward the people of this State the relations of an authority impairing the benefits of this compact.

Resolved, That the General Assembly holds that at all times and in all cases, the military ought to be under strict subordination to and control of the civil power; that the people of this State have witnessed with serious apprehension