

and alarm, the resort of the authorities of the General Government to that policy, which indicates that the Constitution of our country was made alone as a shield and protection to its people "in peace and not in war."

Resolved, That we deny that there can be in this country a law of war paramount to the Constitution itself, to which every civil and military officer is bound to submit and give obedience.

Resolved, That the course of the President of the United States through military subordinates under this modern and pretended "power of war" in depriving non-combatant citizens of this State of their liberty and property without due process of law, in quartering soldiers upon quiet and unoffensive citizens against the consent of the Legislature of this State; in sending armed men into the State to stifle the freedom of elections, intimidating its sworn officers, and imprisoning many of its most respectable and loyal citizens for refusing to comply with the illegal and unwarranted exactions of military subordinates, displays a gross violation of one of the President's plainest duties as commander-in-chief of the army of the United States under the Constitution, and an especial violation of good faith toward the people of this State, who entered the war confiding in the pledges of the President and Congress, that their constitutional rights should be protected.

Resolved, That we hold that the honor of the Government and the incontestible right of the owner, require the Constitution so to be construed as to prohibit the seizure and taking of private property without compensation, made under judicial supervision, and that the inviolable justice involved in the sanctity of private property expressly precludes and prohibits the exercise of any other mode whatsoever.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and the several Governors of the States of this Union;

Which was read.

The question upon its adoption was determined in the negative by yeas and nays as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Briscoe—1.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, Pt.
Bayne,
Bayless,

Eichelberger,
Firey,
Given,

Rowles,
Stirling,
Tome,