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They feel that the controversy which unfortunately distracts & divides our country has brought about a condition of public affairs for which history has no parallel, & the experience of governments no precedent.

They recognize the fact that the great questions which press for consideration are of entire novelty & of great intrinsic difficulty. & that for their proper solution will be required on the part of our governments, state & federal, & of our people the exercise of the utmost prudence & discretion; calmness & forbearance.

Above all other things at this time they esteem it to be of indispensable necessity to maintain the peace of the country & to avoid everything calculated or tending to produce collision & bloodshed.

The grievances for which several of the states have ~~withdrawn~~ withdrawn from the Union are such as have affected the people of Virginia to a greater extent than any of the seceded states

if it is their determined purpose to require such guarantees for the protection of the rights of the people of the slaveholding states, as in the judgment of Virginia will be sufficient for the full security of those rights.

Virginia having initiated measures to obtain such guarantees, a proper self-respect impels her to demand of all parties in the controversy that they shall refrain, during the pendency of her efforts for amicable adjustment, from all ~~aggressive~~ action tending to produce a collision of forces.

Therefore Resolved as the opinion of this Convention

1. That the people of Virginia must regard any action of the Federal government ^{legitimate} tending to a collision of forces prior to the establishment of such guarantees as they require for their protection - as unjust - aggressive & injurious to the interests & the honor of this Commonwealth.

2. That on the other hand any such action ~~on the part~~ on the part of the seceded or confederated States, pending such negotiations, will be regarded by the people of Virginia as hostile & unfriendly to them - & will leave to them a free & unrestricted election of their future policy.

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1. That the people of Virginia must regard any action of the Federal government regarded by these seceded states tending to a collision of forces & prior to the establishment of such guaranties as they require for their protection, as unjust, aggressive & injurious to the interests & the honor of this commonwealth & (add)
2. That on the other hand any such action or conduct on the part of the seceded or confederated states, pending such negotiations, will be regarded by the people of Virginia as hurtful & unfriendly to them. I will leave to them a free & unrestricted election of their future policy.

add and will therefore be visited and upheld by them by all resources at her command.