

RIOTOUS PROCEEDINGS NEAR THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.

AUGUST 25, 1841.

Referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, August 23, 1841.

SIR: Will you have the goodness to lay the enclosed resolutions before the honorable the House of Representatives, and oblige,

Yours, with the highest respect?

W. W. SEATON.

To the HON. JOHN WHITE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

At a numerous meeting of the citizens of Washington, convened by public notice of the Mayor of the city, and held at the City Hall on Thursday the 19th of August, instant, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the citizens of Washington have learned, with feelings of mingled regret and indignation, that an indecorous and disgraceful effort was made a few evenings since to outrage the feelings of the President of the United States, and insult him and his family, by a noisy and tumultuous scene of riot within the precincts of the President's mansion.

*Resolved*, That this conduct merits and has received the indignant reprobation of all the orderly and well-disposed citizens of Washington, without respect to party.

*Resolved*, That the citizens of Washington, of all political parties, condemn, in the most distinct terms, all such lawless and riotous conduct, as disgraceful in itself and disreputable to the community in which they reside.

*Resolved*, That John Tyler, President of the United States, not only in his official character, is entitled to our respect, but that, as an individual long and well known to us, and who for many years as a member of Congress, manifested the greatest zeal in the promotion of the best interests of the District of Columbia and of the city of Washington, he is eminently deserving of our regard and gratitude, and that we view any attempt to outrage or insult him in this city as an outrage and insult to ourselves.

*Resolved*, That the citizens of Washington pledge themselves to exert all their energies to prevent, suppress, and punish such breaches of the peace and such violations of propriety as those which have led to this expression of their opinion, and on all occasions to protect the President and other public functionaries from insult and from outrage.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the City Councils to offer a suitable reward for the detection and punishment of such outrages.

*Resolved*, That it is the earnest and anxious wish of the good people of Washington that an active, efficient, and vigorous police should be established in this city, to prevent violations of the peace, to maintain order and decorum, and to bring to condign punishment the perpetrators of such outrages; that the United States is, in our opinion, equally interested in this object; that this city being the seat of Government, where so many public functionaries reside, where so much public property is centered, where so many public records of inestimable value are deposited, where the representatives of foreign nations and a large number of strangers are ordinarily collected, all of which are entitled to the protection of the collective power of the nation, it is the opinion of this meeting that a competent police ought to be established at this place, under the authority of the General Government.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five citizens be appointed by the Mayor, in conjunction with the Mayor, to present to the President a copy of these resolutions, and to communicate them to each House of Congress.

W. W. SEATON,	} Committee.
RICHARD S. COXE,	
JOSEPH BRYAN,	
N. TOWSON,	
JOHN. P. VAN NESS,	

WASHINGTON, August 20, 1841.