

## No. 2.

Assented to  
Dec. 19, 1861.

WHEREAS, Maryland, in her recent election, has unmistakably demonstrated through the ballot-box her loyalty and devotion to the Union, and as one of the United States claims all her rights under the Constitution; *and whereas*, we believe that the present war is waged in no spirit of hostility to the institutions of any of the States, but solely to vindicate the integrity of the Union and to restore amity and peace among all the parts thereof. *And whereas*, notwithstanding this policy, it sometimes happens that through the action of individuals among the troops, negroes belonging to citizens of this State escape into the lines of the Federal Army, thereby causing trouble, and occasionally loss to their owners. *And whereas*, we desire to take some specific action upon this subject; Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a joint committee to consist of three Members upon the part of the Senate and three upon the part of the House of Delegates, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses, respectively, whose duty it shall be to proceed forthwith to Washington and request an interview with Major General McClellan, and solicit the adoption of some plan to prevent the admission of fugitive slaves within the lines of the army.

*Resolved*, That said committee be directed to report immediately upon their return the result of their mission.

## No. 3.

Assented to  
March 10, 1862.

The General Assembly of Maryland have seen with concern certain indications, at the seat of the General Government, of an interference with the institution of slavery in the slave holding States, and cannot hesitate to express their sentiments, and those of the people they repre-