

has sent out about one hundred and fifty negro soldiers into the counties of Charles and St. Mary's, with orders to seize upon and carry into the encampment at Benedict, all negro men found upon plantations and otherwise, for the purpose of forcing into the military service of the United States all such as are capable of bearing arms, and of setting at liberty all who are not fit for such service; and whereas, in the opinion of the Senate, this outrage upon the rights, property and security of her citizens, has been perpetrated by said Birney, without the authority, knowledge, consent or approval of the President; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a joint committee of not less than three on the part of the Senate, and not more than five of the House of Delegates, be and they are hereby appointed to repair forthwith to Washington, to confer with the President, and ask such redress and protection for her citizens as the necessities of their condition claim and demand at the hands of the Government,—and at their earliest possible convenience report to their respective bodies.

Which were read and adopted.

Said resolutions were then sent to the House of Delegates. Mr. Ricaud submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 11, 1864.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to purchase certain numbers of the Code of Laws of Maryland to be deposited in the State Library, and we concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate Messrs. Ricaud and Jenkins.

By Order,

C. HARWOOD, Sec't.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Eichelberger submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 11, 1864.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message, proposing that the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate address a joint note to the Hon. Thomas Holliday Hicks, informing him of