

20 We observe in the Cambridge "Intelligencer" an announcement that Col. James Wallace is engaged in enrolling and mustering into service a regiment of infantry to act as a Home Guard and to be stationed on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Its purpose is to repel invasion, preserve peace and order in our midst, to protect the rights of all and aid in the enforcement of the laws. We need not say that with this laudable object the movement will of course meet with opposition from the leaders of the Secession party, who see in it a check upon their cherished design to involve our own portion of the State in a revolution similar to that now raging in Missouri and other border States. They are now violently opposed to arming our own citizens to defend themselves and their fire-sides from invasion. This objection comes with an ill grace from men who three months since were clamorous for the arming of the citizens of Talbot county and demanded an appropriation of 20,000 in order to put the county in a state of defence.— They even went so far as to denounce Gov. Hicks for the alleged defenceless condition of the State.— The fact is they were in favor of the most strenuous military preparations when they supposed the management was to be under their own control and to be directed against the general government. But now that measures of proper precaution are to be adopted to preserve peace in our midst and to repel any invasion from the Confederate States they are denounced as unnecessary and likely to lead to civil war. All we can say is that if civil war is commenced it will be by the secessionists themselves as it has in every case yet where it has occurred. As to the present movement being unnecessary we reply they have furnished a good reason for it themselves by repeatedly proclaiming that Jeff. Davis would soon be here with his army, and if so it is necessary to be prepared for the emergency. Now although we really anticipate no such contingency we deem it proper to say that we have no more confidence in the Secession leaders in this State than we have in those of Missouri or any where else, and believe they would gladly embrace any opportunity to involve us in like difficulties; hence we deem it proper to adopt suitable means to repress any outbreak that may be attempted and to keep in proper restraint those who are disposed to override the law and the Constitution.