

Convent or Religious House upon oath of such person, so believing, before any Court of this State, this writ issues, as of right, commanding the Owner, Director, or Superior of any such house or convent, to bring before such Court the individual so detained; and neither bolts nor bars, nor any religious vows can prevent the service of, or compliance with such writ; but it is a speedy, summary and sure writ of deliverance, to any one deprived of his liberty, by any unlawful means, or under pretext of any religious vow or consecration.

Your Committee have, therefore, arrived at the unanimous conclusion, that, if, as alleged by the petitioners, persons are detained against their will, in any Religious House or Convent, it is not because the law does not afford ample protection, but because of the neglect to execute its demands; and it is the fault of those interested in the *execution* of the law, not the defect of proper legislation.

Believing, therefore, that no further legislation is necessary for the security of the citizen, or for the peace, good order and safety of the State, they beg leave, respectfully, to submit these reasons, which have led them to this conclusion—to the further consideration of the House, and to the enlightened judgment of the people of Maryland.

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