

WHEREAS, Standing armies are dangerous to liberty, and ought not to be raised or kept up without the consent of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, In all cases and at all times the military ought to be under strict subordination to, and control of, the civil power, and that the people of this State ought to have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof; and that in all criminal prosecutions, every man hath a right to be informed of the accusation against him, to have a copy of the indictment or charge in due time (if required) to prepare for his defense, to be allowed counsel, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have process for his witnesses, to examine the witnesses for and against him on oath, and to a speedy trial by an impartial jury, without whose unanimous consent he ought not to be found guilty; and,

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States declares that *Congress* shall have power to declare war, to raise and support armies; that "the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it," nor then unless by Congress. "That a well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;" that "the right of the people to be secure in their houses, persons, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized;" and

WHEREAS, Maryland is yet a State in the Union, submitting peaceably to the Federal Government, yet nevertheless, the President has raised and quartered large standing armies upon her territory, has occupied the houses of her citizens without their consent, has made the military superior to and above the civil power, has assumed to regulate the internal police and government of the State, has seized upon and appropriated our rail roads and telegraphs, has seized and searched our vessels, has forcibly opened our houses, has deprived our people of their arms, has seized and transported our citizens to other States for trial upon charges or pretended charges, has taken the private property of our citizens, has caused peaceable travellers to be stopped and their persons, trunks and papers to be searched, has arrested and caused to be imprisoned without any civil process whatever, the persons