

sell, that of Lieutenant John Glendig Sproston, of the city of Baltimore, be associated; and that this General Assembly highly appreciate the conduct and the success of Captain Hugh G. Purviance, (a citizen of Baltimore,) of the United States Ship St. Lawrence, in her attack and destruction of the Privateer Petrel, of the so-called Southern Confederacy.

No. 9.

WHILE, on this twenty-second day of February, Assented to
March 10, 1862. the people of the United States are listening to words of peace and conciliation, and of solemn warning against sectional contests and jealousies, from the Father of their Country, Maryland, one of the States of the Revolution, makes this solemn appeal to the citizens of the loyal States of the Union:

WHEREAS, We believe the useless and wicked agitation of the Slavery question, both North and South, has been the ostensible cause of the rebellion now devastating our once happy country by affording a pretext to those who have long desired to break up our Government, for putting their long cherished plans in operation, and by furnishing arguments by which the Southern people have been misled and betrayed; *and whereas*, we believe that a continuance of such agitation will have a tendency to prevent a cordial return of our Southern brethren to their position in the Union; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That we appeal with united voice to our brethren of the Northern States to discontinue, by every means in their power, all attempts to revive the agitation of this subject; not only productive of no good, but, as the history of the present shows,