

Committee a note, addressed by him to the Governor, on the 22d of January, as authorized by the second of the resolutions of the House, and inclosing to the Governor a copy of those resolutions, together with the Governor's response thereto, which document, though full and explicit, is too long for insertion here, but which will be found hereto appended. This minority could not, and did not perceive in the response of the Governor, any thing which, in their judgment, could vary their duties, or in any manner lessen, as urged by the majority of the Committee, their obligation to proceed with the investigation; which, if necessary at first, (and of this, after the action of the House, in ordering it to be made, they were not permitted to doubt,) appears to be rendered by that response absolutely imperative; for the Governor, far from removing or mollifying in any degree the grave matters set forth in his message, reiterates and reaffirms his well-founded apprehensions, of the existence of the dangerous evils remarked upon in the message—congratulates himself and the State upon the ready zeal with which the House of Delegates have responded to his suggestions—points out freely and fully the sources of his information, and recommends to the Committee the propriety of a recurrence to sundry published documents, and the summoning before them of divers persons as witnesses, from whom he has reason to believe, it will be found to be in the power of the Committee, to extract more accurate and perfect information than it has been, or is in his power to collect. Surely information like this cannot form a sufficient apology for forbearing to proceed with the investigation into facts, the bare suggestion of which in general terms had, at first, been thought sufficient to call for, and demand the immediate creation of a Select Committee armed with plenary powers, by the Grand Inquest of the State, to make a searching investigation into their existence, and all the minute particulars concerning them, and required to report the appropriate Legislative remedy for the correction and future prevention of the evil. This minority have said, and must here repeat, the facts and sources whence adequate proofs could probably be drawn, being in this paper more specifically set forth, seemed to them, not only to render the full performance of the duties of the Committee much more urgent, but were, at the same time, well calculated to expedite and facilitate that performance.

The majority of the Committee, the undersigned would respectfully suggest, appear to take a very erroneous view of this whole matter, and present it in a most improper light,