

5TH DISTRICT.

Counties.	White.	Free Color'd.	Slave.	Total.
St. Mary's.....	6,790	1,875	6,549	15,214
Charles.....	5,800	1,064	9,653	16,517
Calvert.....	3,997	1,841	4,609	10,447
Anne Arundel.....	11,709	4,859	7,333	23,901
Prince George's.....	9,650	1,198	12,479	23,327
Montgomery.....	11,369	1,532	5,421	18,322
Howard.....	9,079	1,397	2,862	13,338
	58,394	13,766	48,906	121,066
Baltimore County—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th and 13th Districts, estimated to contain.....				25,824
				146,890

Which were read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Mr. Purnell, from a select committee to whom were referred the joint resolutions, respecting the agitation of the slavery question, submitted by Mr. Harrison, on the 20th instant, reported back the same, with the following as a substitute :

While, on this 22nd day of February, 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 that 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