

land, more largely than most of her sister States of the South, has suffered from these causes. Besides her large and constantly recurring losses of property, she has the heavier grievance to bear of her citizens imprisoned or slain in their efforts for its recovery.

3d. While, therefore, this General Assembly recognizes with satisfaction the patriotic sentiments recently proclaimed in public meeting at the North, it is impelled by every consideration of interest and duty, to express its conviction that something more is due from the free States at the present crises. The State of Maryland asks no new guaranties, but simply requires the fulfillment of Constitutional obligations in the spirit in which they were made. Those obligations, discharged in such a spirit, require two things: one, That the free States shall pass laws to punish their own citizens for acts injurious to persons or property in the slaveholding States; the other, That they shall repeal all laws and regulations whose purpose, and, as far as they go, whose consequence is, to discharge, directly or indirectly, from service or labor, persons held to such service or labor in the slave States, and escaping therefrom.

4th. This General Assembly forbears to state what course it will be compelled to adopt in case of refusal. It will not anticipate a refusal. It relies, with confidence, on the sense of justice of sister States, which share with it so many glorious recollections of trials borne and triumphs achieved in common.

5th. The Governor of this State, therefore, is hereby requested to communicate to the Governors of the free States this deliberate action of the State of Maryland, and to ask that the same be laid before their respective Legislatures.

Which were read, and referred to Messrs. McKaig, Smith, Miles, Goldsborough, of Dorchester, and Lynch.

Mr. Bradley, offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms procure as many extra copies of the Journal of the Senate as shall be sufficient to supply a single copy for each newspaper published in the State, and forward such copies during the session to the editors of said newspapers, one copy to each editor; and that he also procure, for the use of each member of the Senate, a copy of the Constitution of the State, such copies to be deposited in the State Library at the close of the session, excepting the copies which may be delivered to those Senators who have not heretofore received a copy from the State.