

and leaves it to be guarded and preserved by others; and these feelings actuating all, all alike leave the general good to be protected by others, while the lawless and licentious are permitted to go forward in their work of violence and destruction, in the most densely populated districts. As calculated in some measure to correct this evil and bring in aid of the obligations of public duty the more readily perceived and more awakening motives of private interest, we recommend to your consideration the propriety of passing a Law rendering it obligatory upon the inhabitants of each County, City or incorporated town within which a Mob or Riot shall hereafter take place, to remunerate from their public purse all Dividends suffered to the full amount of their loss or injury sustained from such Mob or Riot. and we would also respectfully suggest a careful revision of the criminal Laws applicable to such cases and the passage of such new enactments as to your wisdom shall seem best calculated effectually to insure the punishment of all similar offenders in future.

Since the adjournment of the last Legislature, the Country has been much and deeply agitated by the machinations of sundry misguided and wickedly disposed Citizens, residing chiefly in the northern and eastern States of the Union, who, associating themselves with certain unprincipled foreign emissaries, have sought, and it is believed are still seeking by every means within their power, to destroy the peace, happiness and security of the Citizens of this and all our sister States in the South. Tracts are maintained from which issue in a constant stream the most exciting and inflammatory addresses to our Slave population, which are circulated among them by means of the Post Offices, and by secret agents dispersed in every direction. These addresses inculcate not the doctrines or principles by which their authors profess to be actuated, they inculcate not philanthropy, humanity or brotherly love, but they teach, and are designed to excite to, rebellion, murders and bloody slaughter. Their authors seem anxious to involve us in all the horrors of a civil war, and profess to do it too in the name of outraged humanity and religion. That there may be deluded fanatics among them, that there may be some instruments so ignorant as not to be sensible of the shameful absurdity of these professions, is admitted, but it is difficult to believe that the heads that devised and direct this merciless crusade against the white inhabitants of this and the other Slave holding States can be actuated by any motive having the semblance of virtue. It is almost impossible not to be convinced that they see and love the horrors they are struggling to produce. It is by no means necessary that we should enter here upon the discussion of slavery in the abstract. It is enough that it is one of the domestic institutions of the State, with which we utterly deny the right of any power out of the State to interfere in any manner whatever. The policy we have