

to bring him to justice at the expense of the State. Directed several witnesses  
to proceed to the places of confinement to identify him, and paid the expense of others  
who attended from Virginia to give evidence before the Court, in which he was pronounced  
guilty, we hope will meet the approbation of your honorable body, although the  
person thus arrested and prosecuted was acquitted, and we have been as yet unable  
to discover the murderer who committed the outrage.

We hope it will not be considered a departure from our duty to  
call your attention to the encouragement and protection of Agriculture. As we  
well know its high importance to all classes of Society, we fondly hope it will  
not fail to receive the aid of you, who are so deeply interested in its prosperity.  
It is with pleasure we understand the beneficial effects of the Societies  
which have been instituted for its improvement, not only in this, but in other States,  
which have been the means of producing, not only in fertilizing our  
soil, but also in the rearing of all descriptions of live stock.

We conceive it to be one of the important duties of the Executive  
of the State, to exercise a general super-intending, vigilance, over the peace,  
the order and the safety of Society. Under the sanction of the Union, we  
would respectfully and earnestly call your attention to the pernicious tendency  
and effects of the meeting together of bodies of negroes, whether at public places  
for the purpose of dissipation and dissipation in the most unbecoming  
manner, when not under the notice and control of the other portion of our population.  
The policy of the Law in slave holding States, ought to be not only protective  
of the rights of the master and of the person of the slave, but in a well  
insured strict subordination, without which the well being of Society becomes  
seriously disturbed.

We cannot but deplore that a race of human beings ever  
ever introduced upon our soil, to whom every day experience more and  
more convince us equal rights of citizenship can never be extended.  
The only course which seems left for the Legislature, and those to whom  
the execution of the Law is intrusted, is, to regulate their condition with  
the most perfect humanity, but with the strictest energy. The pernicious  
effects of their meetings at small Villages and other places, where  
plans of iniquity and vice are engendered and matured, are but too  
well known. It is at those haunts, also, where they so frequently  
perform their plans for escape from service, in which they are too often aided  
and protected, within and without our jurisdiction.

It may not be unknown to you, that a professedly religious  
sect of negroes, calling themselves, Bethelites, is in existence within this State,  
who recognize no head among the white class, and who have seceded  
from the respectable sect to which they formerly were attached. That this  
Society, having its head in the capital of a sister State, and its ramifications  
in several other States, has been engaged in other matters than reli-  
gious worship, we are well assured.

We conceive it to be highly interesting to the welfare of  
the community, that you should take into consideration the evils  
springing from the numerous tipping shops, which are opened in every section of the