

In pursuance of a very short notice a meeting of the
Citizens of Queen Anne's County was held in the Court House
at Centreville on Saturday the 28th Inst. for the purpose of
memorializing the ~~the~~ Legislature of this State upon the un-
constitutionality and inexpediency of passing a Law to prevent the
Citizens of this State from emancipating by deed of manumission,
last will and testament, or otherwise, their slaves, ~~from and~~
after the passage of said Law, unless they shall convey them, or cause
them to be conveyed out of the State; and also for expelling all
free negroes from the State. On nomination Daniel C. Hop-
kin Esquire was called to the ^{chair} and Thos. C. Brown and Thos. H.
Ford were appointed Secretaries -

The meeting having been called to order, the Rev. Mr. Philbrick
B. Hopper arose, and made known in a pertinent address
the object of the meeting - After which, the enclosed ~~mem~~
and ^{following} resolutions were submitted to the consideration of the
meeting - The Memorial and resolutions having been read
and put upon their passage, were adopted -

1st Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting the proposed
Law now pending before the Legislature of this State, to
prevent the Citizens of the State from manumitting their
slaves, is unjust, and some of its provisions unconstitu-
tional, and is such an interference with the rights of con-
science, as to call for the reprobation of all Christian
people.

2nd Resolved that the proposition from several Counties to coerce
the free blacks to leave this State, is in our opinion un-
authorised by the Constitution, cruel, impolitic and
dangerous; and ought therefore to be opposed by all
good men, and especially by those, who are opposed to