

The committee on the (C^l^d population, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message or relates to the manditory proceedings of the abolition societies of other States & the proceedings had in Prince Georges County on the same subject. Report;

That it is with ~~pain~~ a mixture of pain indignation and diffidence that your Committee ~~is~~ ^{is} facing this exciting and irritating subject. We feel ~~pain~~ ^{here} we see a portion of the people of the Northern & eastern section of our Union some of whom are said to be otherwise respectable, wantonly assailing this happy Union in its most sensitive and assailable points, & jeopardizing almost every thing they and others hold dear under this government, by a course of procedure which if success were to attend their ^{unlucky} efforts would unquestionably dissolve this Union and involve all in one common ruin of anarchy, monarchy & petty military despotism. — We feel indignant, because ~~these~~ ^{these} deluded people, ~~(if there be any that really are intelligent & good among them)~~ ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{are} believed to be influenced excited and propelled to their most infernal & diabolical purposes wholly murderous and savage purposes, by a set of more hardened and diabolical villains than were disgraced any recent period of history since the days of Robespierre ^{the first president to which this time} ~~Marat~~ ^{the prime mover}, ~~some of which, if not the whole, is entirely~~ ^{we may believe} ~~may~~ ^{be} traced to foreign sources. We feel unfeigned diffidence, because we know that ^{right so} dangerous ^{is its character that it} subject, ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{is} exciting the minds and employing the talents of all the ablest ^{stark patriots} men of the Country to save the ^{integrity of the nation} Country in the crisis, ~~of all at least, South of Mason & Dixon's line~~ ^{in breaking this subject} We cannot omit in the outset to deprecate in the strongest terms, that tendency ~~in the community~~ ^{in the community} in recent we will not say modern times, to break itself ^{up} as a community of individual patriots & useful Citizens, into corporations & societies; ~~for no uncommonly it has been thus at the present incorporated;~~ Your statute books are loaded with acts of incorporation until it requires some times the leaves of whole folios to be turned over before you find one ^{independence of local benefit, and} ~~provision~~ ^{interdict} for the general good. It has nearly reached this point that if a school house is to be built, or a neighborhood road is to be made an act of incorporation must be obtained before it can