

In the mean time, let us not be unmindful of the present. We recommend that the militia laws be revised, with improvements. Let arms be put into the hands of the people, that they may be prepared for defence. The knowledge of the presence of an armed militia, in a state of organization, ready to combine & act in a season of peril, would, at all times, go far to suppress the spirit of insurrection.

Yours Memorialists, relying on your wisdom & fidelity to the interests of your constituents, express the hope, that the subject may engage your most earnest deliberations. It is of the last importance to our Country. The universal excitement that prevails, evinces that the people esteem it a matter of momentous concern. In the spirit of the utmost sincerity, it is our conviction, that unless the black population be removed within a less space than the next half century, servile wars & extermination must be the result. We respectfully submit it to your consideration.