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A Memorial signed by a number of Persons who have lately lost Slaves, and by others who are Slave-holders, will be presented to the Governor and Council by the bearer of this. Within the last two Months Sixty Slaves have gone off, from this County alone, equal to Fifty of whom have entirely escaped. The Injury on the first instance is a very serious one, but much greater in its consequences, as those who remain are in a manner useless. Unless some immediate and effectual Method be fallen on, to stop, or at least to check this, the Slaveholders on this Shore must be ruined. Our local Situation, the means of escape easy, it is a Fact well ascertained, that when once they get into the Neighbouring States, very possible obstacle is thrown in the way of retaking them. In some Cases Warrants for a supposed breach of the Peace, have been taken out against the Masters, and they have been to give up their Property to redeem themselves from Under these discouragements many People have been it most prudent to put up with the first loss. The policy however of this acquiescence, has at length been so evident, that a different line of conduct must be pursued. Convinced of this, several Gentlemen have determined to go shortly in pursuit of their Slaves. Their character and situations in Life, are sufficient Pledges, that they will not knowingly infringe any Law. All they wish is to regain their Property, and not to be hindered in the attempt, by lawless and unjust opposition. That the Executives of the several States, cannot adopt any measures which will absolutely prevent unlawful and unjust-