

and has been several times under the consideration of this meeting. We have felt it to be a subject of importance and interest, and trust we are sensible of the responsibilities resting upon us, in relation to this oppressed and greatly injured part of the Human Family, and feel it to be our religious duty, to embrace every right opening to plead their cause.

"We however apprehend, that the General Government cannot exercise any efficient control over this subject, beyond the limits of the District of Columbia; and that any effort of ours at present to induce Congress to act on the subject, would be more likely to prejudice, than to advance the cause. It is a subject which we apprehend must remain for the action of the Slaveholding States themselves, and we indulge the hope, from the awakened and increased interest recently apparent in some of them, that the time is not far distant, when measures will be adopted by them, for the Abolition of Slavery within their limits.

"At ^{some} future period, in the progress of this interesting concern, the way should open for us to unite with you in an applica-

tion to the General Government on behalf of this oppressed people, we desire, that it may be done with a proper regard to the faithful maintenance of our Christian testimony against Slavery, and at the same time be promotive of the objects you had in view, in bringing the subjects under the notice of the several meetings for Sufferings on this continent.

"With a salutation of love, we are your friends

"Signed by direction and on behalf of a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore by adjournment the 2^d of the 10th month 1832"

The following acceptable Epistle, dated in the 2^d month last, from the Meeting for Sufferings held in London, was received and read to satisfaction - viz.

"To the Meeting for Sufferings at Baltimore
Dear Friends

"We feel inclined in brotherly love to offer you an acknowledgment of the communication, addressed by you to us in the 3^d month 1830.

"The consideration of the greatly reduced number of members of our religious Society in your Yearly Meeting, and of the cause of this reduction, affects our minds with sorrow, and with sym-