

Hon. Joseph Holt on the War.

The following letter from Hon. Joseph Holt was written in reply to a letter from Collector Barney, of New York, expressing to him a personal desire that he would accept an invitation which had been sent to him by a committee of gentlemen to attend an address a public meeting in that city upon the state of the country and the issues of the times:

Judge Holt's Letter. Washington, Oct. 25, 1862.—Hon. Hiram Barney—Dear Sir—Your favor of the 22d instant has been received. An invitation similar to that which you so kindly urge upon me I have been obliged, within the last few days, to decline, in consequence of engagements here which occupy every moment of my time, and I must now make the same answer to yourself.

There will doubtless be present with you, on the occasion referred to, those capable by their eloquence of affecting all the good that popular addresses can accomplish. I must be frank, however, and say that to me it seems that what is at this moment needed is not words, however glowing, but heroic deeds. The tongue of an archangel could scarcely comfort and animate the popular spirit in the presence of the nation of our country.

How the Rebellion Stands. After an unparalleled expenditure of treasure, and the marshaling of such armies as the world has never seen, and sacrifices which are clothing the land in mourning, at the expiration of eighteen months from the commencement of the Rebellion, we find it more defiant and determined, and more active in its invasions and spoils, than at any moment since the struggle began. This is from a lack of devotion on the part of the people, who have hitherto put their money and treasure like water, nor yet from any lack of courage on the part of our brave volunteers. Our soldiers have been everywhere pent and on the sight of the enemy, with the great heart of the country, in its solemn and earnest solicitations, is like a ground swell of the sea, pressing our forces towards the life-line.

What fate might befall our own institutions amid the bankruptcy and demoralization and brokenness of spirit consequent on such a disaster. We cannot hope to escape from this train of events by any exploits of our navy, however brilliant, occupying their island resources and the cities upon the sea-shore. This, though well and very well, will be but scratching the extremities of the giant instead of dealing with his body. That heart pulp, that defiantly in the armies of Lee and Jackson, which have so recently ravaged Maryland, and still from the banks of the Potomac threaten the capital.

For All Things that are for the Union. My faith in all this matter is simple and briefly stated. It is this: For all things that are for the Union, I am for the Union as unconditionally as I am for protecting my own body, and every one and honor, from the hands of the assassin. No human institution, no earthly interest, shall ever be weighed in the scales against the life of my country. Least of all will I approach with unsolicited aid, or permit to be thus weighed, an institution, the feeding fountain of whose being is the African slave trade.

The Torpidity of our Armies. It is this torpidity of our armies—which has deferred for the hundredth time which has unfurled that party banner, whose shadow is now resting on so many of the loyal States. It is not disloyalty that has prompted the deplorable movement, but a weariness and discouragement consequent upon the losses, humiliations and delays we have suffered, yet it is the most alarming sign of the times, and can only be removed by a decided military success.

These assaults will grow in vigor and letters as the progress, and while thus indirectly affording aid and comfort to the rebellion, will continue, albeit unconscious, approaches towards an open affiliation with it. Let those who are called upon to vote a party ticket in the midst of the tragic events now upon us, ponder well, before doing so, the disastrous consequences of such a policy from those baleful tendencies no party of motive can possibly detract. Let them hesitate long before they sow the seeds of dissensions, whose bitter fruits may be upon the lips of their children's children. Let them not forget that by thus presenting a divided front they degrade our cause before the world, they paralyze our own strength and add immeasurably to the hopes, the confidence and the power of the enemy.

Controversies in Time. If any man, as a motive for such a course, suppose that he has ground of complaint against the Government, let him take heed that his ill-directed hostility does not put in jeopardy the Republic itself, whose preservation from overthrow the President is incessantly and loyally laboring. What has a controversy with the President of the United States to do with the question of loyalty to our country in the midst of such a struggle as this? If he errs—as the best of men are liable to do—he is soon to pass away with all his deeds, but our Government and country should, and if we are true to them, they will endure for countless ages to come. The President, with all the dignities and responsibilities that long to his position, is but a pilot on the national ship for a single watch of the night.

Who will be so insane as to aid, however indirectly, in scattering the ship.

merely because he has a quarrel with the pilot, from whose hands the helm is so soon to be wrested? Who is willing that a savage shout, as of victory, shall go up from that army of ferocious rebels, whose hands are drenched in the blood of our people? Who is willing that a thrill of joy shall run throughout the entire South, as if that bonfire and illuminations shall be kindled in the city of Richmond, over the triumphs of the Opposition in the great Empire State? If such there be, let him vote a party ticket. The occasion demands the development of the submerged phases of human character, with the duties to our land and to our race which are pressing upon us, and we cannot raise above a miserable scramble for party spoils and power, then the sooner we creep into our graves the better.

Foreign Intervention Threatened by our Inaction. Another danger which is threatened from the inaction of our armies comes from abroad. This rebellion is an abomination in the eyes of all nations, and it is English in its spirit. The conflict, from our commercial and other relations, concerns the happiness of the civilized world. Foreign nations, with all their political dissensions, too much commended, have, without interference, waited patiently, and given us every opportunity to subdue the rebellion. But, unless some decisive military demonstration soon takes place, and the South is occupied by our forces, these nations will conclude that we lack either the will or the power to re-establish the Union.

Fearful Evils of Interference. Already a member of the English Cabinet (Mr. Gladstone) has openly declared that "Davis has made a nation of the South," and such an announcement, from such a source, cannot but be accepted as having a startling significance. If this war is to be a European war, a half-British enemy is leisurely destroying one of the most important railroads of the loyal States does not do its work speedily. European governments must ere long yield to the clamor of their impoverished and starving populations, and there will come intervention, "with all its woes." Upon this will follow at once, intimate entangling alliances with the South, to be succeeded by hostilities with us, and, in all human probability, by the permanent establishment of the Rebel Confederacy.

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YANKEES IN HIGHLAND. The statement that a considerable Yankee force is in Highland county, about forty miles from Staunton, proves to be correct. These troops are under the command of General Cox, and have been heretofore operating in the Valley of the Kanawha.

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GROCERIES. Remotely cheap, with good weight and fair measure, together with...

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Letters Testamentary upon the last will and testament of Michael Speck, late of Penn Township, Huntingdon county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned...

ADAMS' ATTENTION! BATHING, a handsome lot just received direct from New York, by FISHER & SON.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE. Estate of Helen Wilmerson, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of Helen Wilmerson, deceased, that the undersigned...

ATTORNEYS AT LAW. SCOTT & BROWN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, HUNTINGDON, PA.

STRAY BULL. Notice to the possessor of the undersigned in Ward township, in the county of Adams, Pa., that a certain bull, white with black spots, and a yearling calf, white with black spots, were found in the woods on the 12th inst. of this month...

STRAY AWAY. A year old last spring EDWARDS' RAM, with long curling horns, and a yearling calf, white with black spots, were found in the woods on the 12th inst. of this month...

NOTICE. All persons having claims against the estate of George W. Smith, deceased, are requested to present them to the undersigned...

NEW CLOTHING AT LOW PRICES. M. CUTMAN HAS JUST OPENED A FINE STOCK OF NEW FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING...

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS. Flour and other Family Flour, Nov. 17, 1862. Demand Superior... \$6.00 per 100 lbs.

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