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ADDRESS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE—NO. 4.

TO THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA: Fellow-Citizens—There have been antagonistic principles and antagonistic parties...

In 1793, Gen. Washington having declined a second re-election, John Adams, then vice president, and Mr. Jefferson became competitors for the office of president...

When the constitutions of the several states of the Union were under consideration, this party, without an exception, were strenuous in their efforts to secure the government with strong, if not with an arbitrary, power...

Col. Hamilton, a man undoubtedly of talents who had been conspicuous for his services in the revolutionary army, during which he had enjoyed much of the confidence of Gen. Washington...

They assumed to themselves the name of federalists, falsely alleging that they were the exclusive friends of the form of the general government then organized and in practice.

The immortal Jefferson, the great apostle of republicanism, the author of the Declaration of Independence, was selected for secretary of state. He espoused the cause of the people, and of the states, and in his capacity of secretary of the constitution...

The principles of these two antagonistic parties are involved in the coming contest in Pennsylvania. The Democratic party, ever honest and candid, avow their principles in open day; they bear the same honest name they have borne for more than half a century.

Our adversaries are endeavoring to crawl into power at this time by a concentration of all their own partisans proper, and an attempt to excite among the people of this State, and in relation to two subjects calculated to excite the sympathies and prejudices of portions of our country.

We should guard against all attempts to violate the principles of that constitution. It is the ark of our political safety, and the only one to be touched with unhallowed hands.

When, therefore, fellow-citizens, we find that a consolidated government, a love of exclusive privileges and monopolized corporations, a desire to have unimpeded powers from the constitution, and exercise them for their own selfish purposes...

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THE COURSE OF THE DEMOCRACY IN PHILADELPHIA.

We find the following remarks in a late number of the Pennsylvania Standard on the subject of Know-Nothingism.

We have a General City Executive Committee which must be purged of every member of the Know-Nothing Order, if it is to be a body in that city.

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