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But we have a class of men among us who are not content with such a Government. They are not content with the privilege of shaping the laws and institutions of the States in which they live according to their own sense of right and expediency; but wish to compel other men and other communities, over whose local affairs they have no rightful control, to adopt their notions; and, utterly regardless of essential differences of circumstances, remodel all local institutions by their procrustean standard. And by a concerted effort these men are attempting to divert the military power of the country from its legitimate object, the preservation of the Constitution and its integrity, and direct it to the subversion of the fundamental principle on which it is based. Such a scheme is virtually a conspiracy against the Constitution and the Union in the North, giving active aid to the rebellion in the South. It would present the loyal States to other nations, not, as at present, defending an established Government against wanton rebellion, but as themselves rebels against the Government they profess to be defending. It would cast the North also on the stormy ocean of revolution, not fighting for any existing Government, but for such a one as may rise out of the waves—it may be many warring States or Confederacies or a military despotism based on conquest, and swallowing up the whole.

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"Once upon a time an honest and thrifty farmer had upon his farm a noisy ass, and a clumsy, but cross and dangerous bull, which by reason of their perverse natures, the farmer was compelled to keep in separate enclosure, which were adjoining, but separated by a strong and substantial fence. The ass was constantly braying at the bull and inflicting such petty annoyances as caused continual quarrel, and in spite of the remonstrances of the farmer, divers battles ensued across the fence, until it bore many marks of heels and horns. Finally by an unlucky blow the ass broke the top rail of the fence and sprang into the bull's enclosure, indulging in liberty of free speech! and the appropriation of private property," in violation of the bull's ideas of constitutional rights," whereupon the angry bull made a desperate attack upon the ass which took flight and fled to its own enclosure, braying vociferously to inform the farmer of the critical state of affairs." The bull in the meantime made a desperate attack upon the fence, and was about to demolish the same, when the farmer flew to the rescue of his property and engaged in deadly combat with the angry bull, while the cowardly ass took a position at a safe distance, and standing erect on his hind legs discoursed upon the event in this wise:

"I am in no way responsible for that fight. I did not commence it. You see that is an ignorant, perverse and wicked bull; I tried to teach him morals and religion and to leave bellowing like a bull and learn to bray like an ass, whereupon he became enraged and has made war—My voice is for war. I am not the ass that I was, but the man that I am."

Now for the application: The *farm* is our common country; the *farmer* the Democratic Party; the *fence* the Constitution; the *bull* the rebels of the South; and the *ass* the Republican Party, personated in Ohio by Ben Wade that would have the people believe that "I am not the ass that I was, but the man that I am." "Ecc Ho mo!"—*Medgy's Crisis.*

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