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tolerated a sentiment hostile to the Constitution or the Union. But these great men and true patriots have passed away, and the old Whig party no longer exists. The weak, the venal and the selfish in its ranks have gone into a secret and sectarian organization, or have gone over another banner, and themselves with a boldness, indignity and fidelity against their brethren of the South. One party alone remains firm and defiant. Over every foot of the soil of this State, and wherever its Constitution extends, there to extend the old protecting arm of the Democracy, bearing aloft the broad flag of Civil and Religious Liberty, the Constitution, and the Union.

**ADDRESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE To the People of Pennsylvania:**  
FELLOW CITIZENS—In the performance of our duty, we lately addressed you on the subject of Know-Nothingism. We warned you against the insidious appeal of a party, for one principle which establishes a religious test for office, a thing expressly prohibited by the Constitution of the United States, and by that of Pennsylvania. A party which would practically disfranchise one class of American citizens, because of their religious creed; another class, because of the place of their birth, and to proscribe a still more numerous class, because they will not deny to others the rights which they claim for themselves. We reminded you that these States had been founded by immigrants who fled hitherto for self-protection. From this same persecuting spirit. That by mutual toleration in matters of religion, and by an equal participation in the common concerns of social life and government, these rights of each were guaranteed by all; that to wrest them from any citizen, however weak or humble, was to subtract a right, and to leave behind the great principle of political equality, on which alone rests our common security and general welfare. That to do this in secret, and under mutual pledges and oaths, and above all, to do it under the name of Americanism, was to destroy all confidence in the capability of men for self-government, to confound local prejudice with the virtue of patriotism, to exalt the profession of a creed above the practice of genuine Christianity, to bring Democratic institutions into contempt, and to cover their founders with reproach.

If the ranking hatreds and fierce feuds, the social wrongs and lawless outbreaks, which have characterized this country, had been in like manner occasioned by all others, society itself could not have existed. Brief, therefore, as has been its career, it has convinced every reflecting man that its tendencies are counter to the genius of our governments and opposed to the teaching of their founders. We have, therefore, seen in our country a party, who have, in the North, and disorganized and broken—or hindered with Abolitionism in the North. Such has been the accession from its ranks by the deceived and erring men who joined it, that notwithstanding its abated pretensions and the attempts made to liberalize its principles, its possession of local offices and rewards in 1856, alone, kept it from utter annihilation as a National party.

At the present, therefore, there is more occasion to call your attention to another and purely sectional party, which threatens to subvert the Federal Constitution, and to destroy the Union with these States. The Know-Nothingism, as we have said, tends to occasion civil discord among neighbors, and between citizens of the same State; but this self-styled Republican party, tends to add to this the horrors of a negro insurrection in the States of the South, and a civil war between the several States of the Union.

Not only do we have in the design of all or even a majority of its members, but we do charge that to the only avowed design of some, and those not a few of its leaders; and we further charge that such is the clear tendency, and would be the inevitable result, of its success. It is in view of its pertinacious to say that they have no ill intention, and no ill intention, it is one of practical conduct; and the principles of American government and of Constitutional law are the sole tests by which it must be tried. We have already seen the Legislature of one State openly and despatchedly pass an act in defiance of the Constitution of the United States and the law made in pursuance thereof, when the Governor of that State—and a partisan of this very party—vetoed, and attempted to arrest the course of that Legislature, we saw them defy him also, and pass this act. We have seen the same State openly remove an upright Judge because he dared to keep his oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and between these States, we have since heard a deliberative body of the same party, vehemently applied a motion to mob and beat a Judge; and still later in this State, and in the Convention of this whole party, a Reverend member of it publicly advocated the destruction of a public Prison, and the rescue of a prisoner, because they had considered and advised him to be wrongfully imprisoned. If these things are now done and advocated, and by such men and in such places, both under color of law and in avowed defiance of it, will it or can we assure the public that they would stop there? or that other—and the most fatal—violations of the law would not be committed by other men and in other places? When men thus disregard the Constitution and laws of their country, and seek to organize together one section of the Union, that they may the more successfully overawe or subdue the other, they reduce the whole question to one between force and law, Union or disunion, domestic tranquility or civil war.

It is absurd for any man to state that liberty, while at the very same time they are encouraging resistance to law. There is no liberty without law, and there is not and cannot be any law of this higher than the Constitution of the United States. Whatever, therefore, may be the pretences put forward by the abolitionists, or whatever more deceptive name they may choose to assume, and what name they under the real and sole issue will be the same; it will be that party—violated Constitution and disunion on the one side, and Democratic party and the Constitution on the other. And you would yet you cannot now but choose between these two. While the Whig party existed, whatever may have been its faults, or its faults, yet neither Clay or Webster, nor its other great leaders, nor the very men of its rank and file, would have

together the various parts.  
For this you have every inducement of sympathy and interest. Citizens by birth or choice, of a free and independent country, who have already taken an oath to support the same, ought to stand united and threatened punishment. The name of American which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism, more than any application derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles. You have, in a common cause, fought and liberty you possess, are the work of joint counsel and joint efforts, of common origins, sufferings and successes.

**GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH. SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.**  
Of the General Election for 1856.  
IN pursuance of the duties imposed by the Election Laws of the State of Pennsylvania, I, GEORGE SHERIFF, Sheriff of Lancaster County, do hereby publish and give notice to the qualified electors of the County of Lancaster, that the polls for the election of Representatives of the County in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, will be held at the County Court House, in Lancaster, on the 15th day of October, 1856, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

**Improved Super Phosphate of Lime.**  
The subscriber informs Dealers and Farmers that he has recently received from the most reliable sources the best quality of Super Phosphate of Lime, and is now offering it to the public at the lowest price. It is a superior fertilizer for all crops, and will give an early and abundant crop. It is also a good soil conditioner, and will improve the quality of the soil. It is sold by the ton, or by the hundred weight, at the following prices: Per ton, \$3.00; per hundred weight, \$3.00.

**Mount Joy Academy.** A Classical and English School, for young men and boys, is now open at Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., under the supervision of Wm. H. WATKINS, Principal. The course of study is the same as at the best schools in the country. The school is well equipped with books, apparatus, and other conveniences. The tuition is moderate, and the location is pleasant. For further information, apply to Wm. H. Watkins, Mount Joy, Pa.

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