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# HON. GEO. W. WOODWARD

Delivered at the Great Union Meeting in Independence Square, Philadelphia, 13th December, 1860.

We have assembled, fellow-citizens, in pursuance of the proclamation of the Mayor, that we "counsel together to avert the langer which threatens our country."-That danger is not recent or new. It has a history. And we must glance at that; we must obtain a clear view of the actual state of the crisis, before we can give or receive intelligent counsel.

It was announced a few years ago that the conflict which had sprung up in this country between free and slave labor was irrepressible—that a house divided against itself could not stand-that all the States of this Union must become free or slave States.

The meaning of this was, and is, that all were to become free States; for the soil and climate of the majority of the States are such that it never can become the interest of the superior race to maintin slavery in them. Everybody knows this, and therefore the alternative form of the proposition was only to give it an appearance of fairness, and a little more rhetorical ef-

The full scope and meaning of the announcement are, then, that the citizens of the United States are to be totally divested of the property they now hold in four or five millions of slaves, of the aggregate value of many hundred millions of dollars, and that the habits and domestic condition of the people-their commercial relations, and their political rights, in so far as these interests are connected with the institution of slavery-are to undergo a

obsure and unhonored prophet, but of a citizen whom the people of the free States have just distinguished, in a signal man-slave labor. ner, by conferring on him the highest office they had to give in so far as their votes are to be considered as responsive held slaves, but several had abolished the to his announcement, they are a loud

titudes voted for the President elect with love of liberty was as intense as ever, and other views, and did not intend a distinct as strong at the South as at the North, lutionary war, States had grown jealous, endorsement of his favorite proposition, yet as the record is made up, the prophecy and the prophet stand approved by a majority of the people of the free States. The inexorable exclusion of slave property from the common territories, which the Government holds in trust for the people of the new property from the common territories, which the Government holds in trust for the people of the new property from the common territories, which the Government holds in trust for the new property from the common territories, which the Government holds in trust for the new property from the common territories, which the Government holds in trust for the new property from the common territories, which the great questions of the time were settled in the only manner possible. Consequence of the common territories, which the great questions of the time were settled in the only manner possible. Convention, the election of denuties, the the Government holds in trust for the peocession and compromise—considerations ple of all the States, is a natural and di-rect step toward the grand result of ex-rifices of prejudices, forbearance and modtinguishing slave property altogether, and eration-I ATE GEADUATE of the MEDICAL DEPARTMENT was one of the record issues of the late location. This policy must be considered a superior and superior a to affirm that a trustee for severel co- States would still have been a magnifiequal parties has a right, in law or reason, to exclude the property of some and admit that of others of the parties for merely, but a close and perfect union bewhom he holds-but so is the record. And while it is not to be taken as expressing the universal sense of the voters, it does, undoubtedly, imply that vast masses of Northern people do heartily approve ing its prosperity under institutions which both of the proposition to make all the States free, and of beginning by excluding slavery from the territories.

The South seems inclined so to accept the judgment. She holds the property tended, here was an instance of human ef- may do the like, until the requisite numthat is to be shut out of territories—that is to be restricted, cribbed, and confined, more and more, until it is finally extinguished. Everywhere in the South the people are beginning to look out for the means of self-defence. Could it be expected that they would be indifferent to such events as have occurred?—that they would stand idle and see measures concerted and carried forward for the annihilation, sooner or later, of her property in slaves? Such expectations, if indulged, were not reasonable. The law of self-defence includes rights of property as well as of person. And it appears to me that there must be a time, in the progress of this which, under the false name of Liberty conflict, if it be indeed irrepressible, when slaveholders may lawfully fall back on their natural rights, and employ in defence of their property whatever means of protection they possess or can command. I do not agree with them that that time has arrived yet; but it would be well for thse who push on this conflict, in whatevever form to consider that they are has tening on that time, and that they have convinced one or more Southern States

entitled them, it had been discovered that the unwelcome workers, against whose introduction such carnest protests had been made, could be turned to profitable account in the Southern States—that the African constitution was well adouted to receive the manufacturers and merchants are the governing classes in those of the Convention and by the antaged on the convention and the conve labor in latitudes which alone could pro- discover their interests. They have weighduce some of the great staples of life—ed and measured the Southern trade, and and that the North, which could not em- then voted against the Southern people. ploy them profitably, would be benefitted But what if they had not what if, like by such employment as the South could the city of New York, they had voted a afford. Considerations of humanity, also, as well as the rights of private property, entered into the discussions of that day. What was best for an inferior race thrust people of the interior lend it their sympa-un willingly upon a superior? That both thies. No, no; there is reason in the should be free, or that the inferior should boast that the States all shall become serve the superior, and the superior be free. All New England has decreed it. bound by the law of the relation to pro- The great States of New York and Ohio tect the inferior? If best for both races have repeated, again and again, the dethat the existing slavery should continue, one. Pennsylvania seems to have sancthen what was to be its relation to the tioned it. The Northwestern States at general government? How should it be the present committed to it. represented in the councils of the nation? | What hope is left for the Union? Is How far protected or discouraged by the there a man in this assembly who deems power of the new government? Should that this conflict can go on and the Union jurisdiction to abolish it be granted to the last? If there be, that man is beside

slavery, and so gratified their innate love feedom is such a boon—and negro of freedom-but they did it gradually, savery so great a reproach and evil, that and so did not wound their love of gain. the whole influence of a good man's life They sold out slavery to the South, and and conduct should be directed to pro-Nor was this prediction the voice of an basic and unhonored prophet, but of a facturing and commercial prosperity states should be driven out of the Union.

When the Constitution came to be formed, some of the Northern States still Whilst it is not to be doubted that mul-

cent monument to the unselfish patriottween peoples equally devoted to free-dom, equally bent on bettering their condition, but separated by State lines and call a general Convention on the applicaother under institutions which tolerated negro slavery. Had the Constitution fail-ed to work out the beneficent results in one and another of the Northern States ed to work out the beneficent results inregulate two natural passions, to compel have a National Convention to consider the crop is lost. them to co-operate in blessing mankind; the evils and the dangers of the day, and which would forever have challenged the to devise remedies which, it may be hopadmiration of all good and thoughtful ed, shall prove as salutary as those of men. But it did not fail, thank God. It has 1787. And now, as then, the progress of

ing the restraints imposed, has burned out perpetual.
all memories of the compromise and the

Great Britain against their introduction. the banner it bears, it tramples under foot The traditions of the elders lingered in in a sermon preached within a week, de-

government, or reserved to the States and himself-he has lost his wits. I will rea the people of the States? These were son with no such man. But, though few great questions, and, like all the questiany believe that the Union can long entions of that day, were wisely settled.

The Northern States abolished their people think that freedom absolute This is the prevalent distemper of the public mind. "Who can minister to a mind diseased?"

When, under the articles of confederation which carried us through our Revo-

History is said to be philosophy teaching by examples. As we Pennsylvanians were the first to abolish slavery, let us be mand the Convention. Good examples,

In what form and to what extent the compact in those Northern communities, power of the general Government should be increased is not for me to indicate; but, Bills, obstruct the execution of the bar- with the confession of President Buchangain. What part of the purposes of the an and Attorney General Black before us, founders are the underground railroads in that the Government, as now constituted, tended to promote? Whence comes is unable to prevent or punish secession, excessive sensibilities that cannot bear a or suppress the proud conflict that disturbs few slaves in a remote territory until the our peace and boasts itself irrepressible, white people establish a Constitution?— have I not a right to assume that the Gov-What does that editor preacher know of ernment needs to be strengthened? the Union, and of the men who made it, Have I not a right to assume that a

But if the anglo-saxon loves liberty a the guarantees of freedom contained in the generations which immediately suc- fined an Abolitionist to be one who holds ceeded the adoption of the Constitution, that slavery is a sin. I accept the definigain and thrift, and he is remarkable for How is it to be repressed? Govern- and their passions for freedom, just as tion, and according to it many of our best his capacity of adaptation, whereby he takes advantage of any circumstances in which he finds himself placed. And, accordingly by the time the Colonies were ter and hotter. Will the next administration govern such men, is too has admitted into itself the suspicion, not prepared to throw off the British yoke, tion be more successful? Hoping for the weak to retain us who have outgrown the to say conviction that slaveholding is a and to assume among the powers of earth the separate and equal station to which to afficipate that the man who has been in irrepressible conflict between brethren, some Divine law, for sin is the transgress. the laws of nature and of nature's God elected will prove recreant to the maxims but taught them to dwell together in unity. ion of the law.

African constitution was well adapted to cities. They are intelligent and quick to the Convention, and by the antecedent slavery. I bind myself never to raise my and subsequent debates. I can suggest voice again in favor of such a Union .-only some of them.

one of the nations of the earth. Are not these worth preserving? In eighty years institutions, will see the principle of huwe have matched the greatness that Rome and England were centuries in attaining.
What may be done in the next eighty? I and in all the sayings of our Saviour we three years ago, that in twenty years from that time, if we kept together, we would drive England from all the markets of the world as a first class trader. They were words of cheer, but there was the inevitable of the world in the markets of the world in the markets of the world as a first class trader. They were words of cheer, but there was the inevitable of the relation. table if. In what market we shall rival regulations of the relation, but not with

to predict. See what prosperity would come to us and search the Scriptures for ourselves—of the North in the process of the grand we shall fail to find a law which; fairly inrivalry predicted by that statesman. Man- terpreted and applied, justifies any man in ufactures and navigation have thus built asserting, in or out of the pulpit, that the up the greatness of England, and they slavery of the United States is sinful.—would do the same for us as a nation, and What right, then, I ask again, has the Abfor our section of the nation. Manufac- olitionist to cheat tender consciences into turing has already made us great. In no hostility to an institution on which our one respect are the rise and progress of Union is founded in part? Good people our country so remarkable as in its manusay, we do not wish to disturb slavery factures. The narrow-minded English where it exists by local law, but believe statesman who would not have us manu- it to be sinful and inexpedient, we will not facture even a "hob-nail," could he be submit to its extension, nor assist to restore carried alive through the manufactories of the fugitive to his master. Such people Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Lowell, would, soon come to conceive that the more unto be consistent with himself, curse the friendly they can feel towards slavery, the

ated-what additions to our populationwhat accretions in the value of our farms people took the remedy into their own and minerals—what industry have we hands, called a Convention, and formed a stimulated and rewarded—what comstronger government. The call of the merce have we won! Think of these Convention, the election of deputies, the State Conventions which followed, all one by one—dissect and analyze each fact served to engage the public mind, and to -trace its connections and consequences will protect his property from the spoils. were the means by which direct it to the common danger and the and then when you combine them all in tion of religious bigotry and persecution, he "more perfect union" was formed.

And what a work it was! If the Un
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And what a work it was! If the Unas approved also. Not that every man who voted for the successful nominees meant sing, the Constitution of the United pending dangers were averted.

And what a work it was: If the United prepared used to receive with approparity approved also. Not that every man who ion had never brought us a single blessing, the Constitution that was formed, and implements of all this prosperity. More and liberty according to American law; or —it must be an indispensable element of all our future prosperity. I say it must be. The world cannot and will not live and confusion. the first to move for the salvation of the without cotton. There is not a matron in Union. Under the amendatory clause of all the Union that can clothe her family or been poisoned by the sophisms of infidels. the Constitution, Congress is bound to herself without it. Nor can England do and Abolitionists, seriously contemplate jealous of State rights—one section seek- tion of the legislatures of two-thirds of would rot, and her operatives and ours ference? We hear it said let South Caroing its prosperity under institutions which the States. Our legislature will assemble would starve, if the negroes did not raise lina go out of the Union peacably. I say were to make every man a free man, the next month. Let us petition them to de. cotton. Manumit them and they will let her go peaceably, if she go at all; but

made us a great and prosperous nation, these measures will awaken inquiry and relations as to make negro slavery an in- and the fauatical interior of her own State, and the admiration of the world, for the thoughtfulness in the masses—will call off calculable blessing to us and to the people will improve the opportunity to set up for motives of the founders is swallowed up. their minds from the petry politics of the of Great Britain. I say to us; for I do herself, and throw open her magnificent in wonder at the success of their work.

But all this the "irrepressible conflict" slavery questions to the grand problem of institution be an evil to the people of the world. ignores. The passion for liberty, spurn how we can render this glorious Union Southern States. That is their concern, not ours. We have nothing to do with tions are soothing and encouraging in it; and to obtrude our opinions upon the their tone, and this vast assemblage is people of sovereign States concerning symptomatic of returning health in the their domestic institutions would be sheer public mind; but popular meetings and impertinence. But do you not see and fair-spoken resolutions are not going to feel how good it was for us to hand over save the Union from destruction. The our slaves to our friends of the South- people must act, and act promptly and how good it was for us that they employed them in raising a staple for our mannfacturers—how wise it was to so adjust
the compromises of the Constitution that
elections do not commit Pennsylvania unwe could live in union with them and reap alterably to the mischievous conflict. I the signal advantages to which I have adwho habitually reviles and misrepresents Government which was all sufficient for verted? We consigned them to no heathen I hope the events of the winter and our convinced one or more Southern States the Southern people, and excite the ignore that it has already come. The states in our midst to hate the same faith with us—speaking the same faith with us. We come together to consider what Supreme Court as the final expositor of start politician can stir the people to recorded—a rule to slaves as well as mas will arrest the irrepressible conflict—that may be done to prevent it, and are bound the compact?

ceeded the adoption of the Constitution, that slavery is a sin. I accept the defini-

But, so far from any such law being plain-First, our name and place and power as ly written for our instruction, whoever heard a sagacious statesman say, about hear no injunctions for the suppression of England, or even the pettiest kingdom of the earth, after dissolution of the Union, that statesman and no other has ventured or consult divines really wise and good in our own midst-or, what is better, study alse gods who had inspired his/unreason more harsh speeches they can make about formed, some of the Northern States still held slaves, but several had abolished the this regard, but my mouth is open and I shall never need to depend again on any formed, some of the Northern States still held slaves, but several had abolished the this regard, but my mouth is open and I shall never need to depend again on any formed that natural causes would force it ulhave come. And what cities and towns come essential to good standing. Accordand railroads and canals have we built up ing to some ecclesiastical councils, it would in our progress! How much personal seem that the great duty of the American wealth and social happiness have we cre- Christian is to war with his neighbor's property, and if opportunity presents, to

help steal and hide it. Alas! alas! for the times upon which we have fallen.

We must arouse ourselves and re-assert

Can any man, even though his mind has without our cotton. Her mills, and ours the alternative with composure and indifnever raise another crop. They need the authority of a master and the eye of an of the Union by an irrepressible conflict overseer to compel and direct them to the about slavery? Other States will be sure duties to the cotton plant which must be to follow sooner or later. The work of fort to do good—an effort to restrain and ber have concurred, and then we will rendered at the right season precisely, or disintegration, once fairly established, will not end with South Carolina, nor even And thus it happens that the Providence with all the slave States. Already we see of that Good Being who has watched over it announced on the floor of Congress us from the beginning, and saved us from that the city of New York, tired of her external foes, has so ordered our internal connections with Puritan New England

Let us be wise in time. Our resoluam willing to believe it. I hope it is so. Superme Contact as the final expositor of matter and superment it; and are not ready of the superment it is not ready of the s