Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1856.

A FEW WORDS TO THE SINCERE OPPONENTS OF JAMES BUCHANAN.

The Democracy may attempt exultation at the recent result in Pennsylvania; but they have little cause for rejoicing. The meagre majority by which they have succeeded in electing their State ticket, exhibits the weakness of Mr. Buchanan, damages his prospects in the South, and fills the Opposition with still stronger hopes of ultimate victory.

It should and we earnestly hope will produce in Pennsylvania a unanimity and cordial feeling in the American and Republican ranks, tending at the coming Presidential election to one common object, the defeat of the Cincinnati nominee. It is a recognized fact that if the Opposition of this State had acted as an entire unit on the 14th instant, a majority of at least 30,000 would have been given the Union ticket. To the unfortunate disagreement in our ranks, as the Reading *Journal* truly remarks, as well as to the system of fraud and colonizing of voters from other States, practised by the Sham-Democracy, must the closeness of the vote which the returns indicate, alone be attributed.

We annex the following estimate given by the Reading *Journal*, a Fillmore paper:

Buchanan States.	*Electors.*	*Fremont States.*	*Electors.*
Alabama,	9	Connecticut,	6
Arkansas,	4	Illinois,	11
Delaware,	3	Iowa,	4
Georgia,	10	Maine,	8
Mississippi,	7	Massachusetts,	13
Missouri,	9	Michigan,	6
South Carolina,	8	New York,	35
Texas,	4	New Hampshire,	5
Virginia,	15	Ohio,	23
		Rhode Island,	4
Total,	69	Vermont,	5
		Wisconsin,	5
		Total,	125

Fillmore States.	*Electors.*	*Doubtful States.*	*Electors.*
California,	4	Indiana,	13
Florida,	3	New Jersey,	7
Kentucky,	12	North Carolina,	10
Louisiana,	6	Pennsylvania,	27
Maryland,	8	Tennessee,	12
Total,	33	Total,	69

Now allowing that Buchanan will carry the whole of the States set down as doubtful, he would still fall short of an election. Our impression is, that Buchanan will carry every Southern State, particularly since the result of the Indiana and Pennsylvania elections—which will strengthen him in the South. Give Buchanan all the Southern States and even New Jersey, Indiana and California, which are doubtful, and still he can be defeated if the vote of Pennsylvania is cast against him, as the following table will show:

Fifteen Southern States,	120
Indiana,	13
New Jersey,	7
California,	4
	144
Necessary to a choice,	149

We call upon every man honestly opposed to Buchanan to secure Pennsylvania at the coming election from the grasp of the Pro-Slavery Sham Democracy. The Opposition in this State possess the power, and every American and Republican can vote the Union Electoral Ticket, without the sacrifice of a single principle which they cherish. There are many sentiments entertained by the Americans which the Republicans sympathize with. They are alike hostile to the growth of the Papal power in this country—alike denounce the savage Democratic brutality which characterized the recent ferocious Irish assault on the meeting at Forrestville. The Americans and Republicans, in this Region, at least, stand on the same platform as regards the proscription of citizens of foreign birth. They alike denounce that feeling which would proscribe a good citizen on account of his foreign birth. The vote polled for George Wiggan, of Tamaqua, on the Union County Ticket—an Englishman by birth, proves that we are correct. Like the American party the Republican is obnoxious to the Roman Catholics of the country. They go in a body, people and presses, for their candidate, Buchanan.

In the present contest of American Republicanism, against the falsehood, deceit and calumnies of the so-called Democratic party, every man boasting the possession of principles antagonistic to that party, and who does not cast his vote in a manner which will prove most effective against Buchanan, is false to his professions.

The freemen of Pennsylvania prize the right of suffrage too highly to squander it in mere sentimental experiments. They are eminently practical, and every man desires to feel that his individual vote contributed something to the success or defeat of the candidate elected or rejected. At the coming election, every man should vote so that his vote will tell. We say, UNION! Remember that the most infamous frauds were perpetrated by your antagonists at the late election in Philadelphia. There are not in that city more than 60,000 duly qualified voters, and no one imagined that more than that number would be cast there. Yet, to the astonishment of everybody except the concoctors and perpetrators of the late frauds, Philadelphia *seems* to have polled nearly 70,000 votes—*ten thousand more than any previous computation ever assigned!* Whence, then, the excess of ten thousand votes? In one ward of that city, about eight hundred illegal votes were polled. In many of the precincts, especially in the Fourth and Seventeenth ward, the Shamocratic Judges and Inspectors had all things their own way; contemptuously disregarded all challenges and objections; asked no questions of such persons as were brought to the polls by persons of their own kidney, and hurried in such votes as they knew to be Shamocratic, with heedless and eager haste. Men had themselves assessed in various wards, previous to the election, and thus voted several times the same day in different places.—By this device, the apparent Shamocratic vote has been immensely increased. Fraudulent naturalization papers were given to thousands of immigrants not entitled to them. We are cognizant of the fact that for a certain sum of money, which they were to receive for making *fraudulent returns*, a certain party would make correct returns from five wards in that city to secure the election of a friend. In this instance alone, had the correct returns been rendered, a majority for the Union State ticket would have been shown.

Not in Philadelphia alone have these frauds been confined. Here in Schuylkill, notwithstanding it was anticipated that there would be a small increased vote, there is an actual increase noted of nearly two thousand votes. We can reasonably account for the increase in our vote, from the changes, and improved feeling for our cause; but where, in the name of honesty, we ask, do they get their increased vote from, when it is notorious that they have lost, by removals from the region during the past year, several hundred votes. The fact is, the majority of the legal voters of Pennsylvania, who are opposed to Pierce's infamous Administration and the Cincinnati Platform endorsement, have been outrageously defrauded of a fair expression of their sentiments.

Will the people, in their majesty, submit? Jesuitical sheets and leaders, in the employ of the Buchanan party, are endeavoring to pervert facts, mislead the people and distract them, for the purpose of throwing the State into the hands of Buchanan at the next election. Apart from the Sanderson faction—the leader of which is a consummate politician, and has never even been a member of the party, nor identified with its interests—the Fillmore and Fremont presses and people of the State, en *masse*, are in favor of a thorough union against Buchanan. The Reading *Journal*, a Fillmore paper, says truly, "THE OPPOSITION IN PENNSYLVANIA HAVE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THEIR HANDS—and at such a crisis, and with such a responsibility, they should forget and forgive—bury all private animosities—and co-operate together in a truly patriotic spirit for the success of the common cause. With such a prospect they would be false to themselves and their country to hesitate for a moment as to the true line of duty. If they DESIRE TO OVERTHROW THE CINCINNATI NOMINEE, THEY MUST WORK TOGETHER, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, AS ONE MAN AND IN ONE SPIRIT."

This is the proper line of duty to be pursued. Americans and Republicans, the time is brief. Resolve to avenge yourself for the wrongs perpetrated upon you at the recent State election. *Unite! Unite!!* UNITE!! The opponent of James Buchanan who hesitates at this moment in regard to the course he should pursue, is false to himself, to his friends, to the principles of Freedom he professes to love. We need not impress upon American minds, that the election of Jas. Buchanan will foster Roman Catholicism. Defeat him, and your principles will be refreshed and reinvigorated under an Administration which will sustain and cherish them. This can be effected in Pennsylvania, if every Opposition vote is brought out on the 4th of November, and cast in a solid body against James Buchanan.

Local Affairs.

☞ *School Tickets* for November issued to-day (last Saturday of month.) at Barlet's Book Store, from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M.

☞ *A Union Ratification Meeting* will be held in Minersville this evening. R. M. Palmer, Esq., and others will address it. As there is a good feeling for the Union Electoral Ticket in this County, we presume the meeting will be "a rouser."

☞ *Pole Raising at Tamaqua.*—The Welsh citizens of Tamaqua will erect a pole in Tamaqua to-day. As the Welsh are the very warmest friends of Freedom, we know that it will be an interesting event. In the evening, B. Bartholemew, Esq., of this borough will speak.

☞ *Fatal Accident.*—By the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive, New Jersey, on the Little Schuyl. Road, near Port Clinton, on Thursday of last week, a brakesman named Christian Beadle, was killed. His body was thrown one hundred and fifty feet from the spot where the explosion took place, and mutilated beyond recognition.

☞ *The Recent Fatal Occurrence at Tamaqua.*—Christian Waller, a butcher by trade, was the man killed at Tamaqua last week, by the premature discharge of a cannon while firing a salute. The other man injured is Christ. Eichenbode, a member of Lebo's Company. One of his hands was mangled so badly, that amputation was rendered necessary. His face and breast were also much burned. He is in a critical condition, but it is thought will recover.

☞ *Final Commitment of the Captain and Two Privates of the Ringgold Rifle Company of Minersville.*—On Thursday, Capt. Warner, John Williams and John Jones of the Ringgold Rifle Company, charged with being concerned in the shooting of T. ca. Burrell, at Forrestville, had a final hearing before Squire Conrad of this Borough. Capt. Warner was held to bail in the sum of $6000, and Williams and Jones in the sum of $3000 each to answer the charge.

☞ *Ratification Meeting in Port Carbon.*—At a meeting of the Port Carbon Fremont Club, held Oct. 22, 1856, it was unanimously

Resolved, That this meeting fully endorses the proceedings of the Harrisburg Convention, composed of the friends of Fremont and Fillmore, held the 22st instant, and pledge to the Ticket their united and hearty support.

Resolved, That a copy of the above Resolution be published in all the papers of the county friendly to the cause.

AQ. BOLTON, Sec'y.

☞ *Arrest of Rioters.*—On Wednesday, several men charged with riotous acts at the recent political meeting at Forrestville, were arrested and brought into Pottsville. They had a hearing before Squire Reed, who after receiving the testimony in the case, held John B. Fitzpatrick and John Gibbon to bail in the sum of $500 each, to answer the charge at Court. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of two others charged with being implicated in the brutal attack on the Forrestville meeting. If convicted, we hope these men will receive a lesson, calculated to have a beneficial effect on the Irish brutes of Cass township.

☞ *During Highpay Robbery—Man Shot.*—On Monday evening last, at half past 6 o'clock, a daring highway robbery was perpetrated in the eastern section of this County. While Lansford Fowler, teamster of Wm. Milnes & Co., Coal operators, was driving to the mines from Tamaqua, with a large sum of money to pay off the hands, and as he reached a point between Taggart's Road coming out of the mines, and the village of Tresco, near the boundary line between Carbon and Schuylkill counties, a man sprang out into the road before him and demanded of Fowler his money or his life. Fowler replied that he had no money. The robber without uttering another word, fired at Mr. Fowler, wounding him in the fleshy part of the thigh. They then grappled; the robber threw Fowler and drew a knife, with the determination as Fowler thought of cutting his throat, if he resisted further. The robber however, without carrying out his murderous design, succeeded in finding the package containing $4000, secreted on Fowler's person, with which he escaped. The money consisted of $5 and $10 bills of the Anthracite Bank of Tamaqua.

Mr. Fowler's wounds were dressed, and he is now in a fair way of recovery.

So far, we believe, the robber has eluded pursuit; but as his person is described by Mr. Fowler, we presume he will yet be discovered.

This is one of the most daring highway robberies ever perpetrated in this region; and proves that some sections of our County cannot be travelled with safety, unless a person is fully prepared to resist attack. A revolver is a small, but at times a very efficient protector.

☞ *Destructive Fire.*—About half past 10 o'clock on Tuesday night, fire was communicated by means of a stove pipe to the roof of a small frame building occupied by a colored wash-woman, and adjoining the coach factory of Albright & Burkhard, in Morris Addition, opposite Mauch Chunk street. The factory being frame, and containing much inflammable material, the flames rapidly communicated to it, and in fifteen minutes the large building was from one extremity to the other a mass of fire. All efforts to save the factory proved abortive, and the attention of those first on the ground was directed to saving the vehicles, tools, etc., on the first floor, and protecting the surrounding property.—Our fire companies were early on the ground, and rendered effective service, although the supply of water was not as great as could have been desired.

The roofs of Mrs. Whitney's residence were at one time on fire; but through the exertions of the firemen and citizens, the flames were confined to the upper part of the building, and were finally extinguished, without extending below the garret. Nearly all of Mrs. Whitney's furniture was removed to neighboring houses, and we believe was not materially damaged.

The building occupied by Messrs. Abright & Burkhard, and which was completely destroyed, was the property of Mr. Henry Morris, of Philadelphia. Of the extent of his loss or insurance we are not informed.

Messrs. Abright & Burkhard had been in operation some eighteen months, and were doing a fine business at the time of the fire. Their loss in tools, work another way, etc., is estimated at $4000, upon which they have an insurance of $2000 in the Lycoming Insurance Company, of Williamsport.

Mrs. Whitney's property was damaged to the extent of about $500, which is fully insured in the Franklin Insurance Company, of Philadelphia.

The fire illuminated the entire Borough, and attracted to the ground hundreds of spectators.

☞ *Proceedings of the Borough Council.*—A stated meeting of the Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 21st. Present, Messrs. Shoener, Heffner, Sherlin, Keppler, Ebert, Kinsley, Derr and Benton.

The minute of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Com. on Accounts was continued on receipts to Patrick Dunn.

Com. on Fire Apparatus was continued on new buildings at Good Intent Engine House.

Com. on Acc. was continued on settlement of account with Norwegian Township.

Com. on Lamp and Watch reported a lamp erected in Church Alley, and was discharged.

Com. on petition of G. S. Repller and others for culvert, reported that the County Commissioners propose paying one third of the expense which would be incurred in constructing the same, and was continued.

Com. on Accounts was continued on claims of G. W. Snyder for lot in East Market street, and was authorized to employ counsel to examine the same.

Com. on petition of Wm. Garret was discharged.

St. Com. was authorized to pave a gutter across Norwegian street. Same Com. was continued on gutter at B. F. Taylor's, Centre street. Same Committee was continued on grading East Market street and Fremont st., also on opening Harrison street. Same Committee was continued on repairs on Mahantango street.

Com. on Accounts was discharged from exoneration of tax on dwelling of Catholic priest in Mahantango street, and the Collector was directed to collect the tax.

St. Com. report Rhode's Alley in good repair, and was discharged. Same Committee was continued on repairing pavements when out of repair. Same Committee was continued on crossings at corner of Coal and Mauch Chunk street, and at Market street in Morris Addition.

Com. on Survey was continued to establish grades in ——— street, above S. Hough's; in High street, from Third street to Borough line; in Ninth street from Norwegian to Mahantango st., and in Market street, Morris Addition.

Com. on Fire Apparatus was continued to erect a fire plug in Mahantango street.

The St. Committee was continued on planking Norwegian Creek at Hough's and Buckley's lots. Same Committee report bridge across Norwegian street, repaired, and was discharged.

Com. on Accounts was continued on Smith & Downing's and J. H. Mudey's bills, and discharged on gas bill.

St. Com. was authorized to pave curb stones for Mrs. Farquhar and others on same street, where legal notice has been given.

A petition from stall holders in Market street, was referred to the Committee on Market House.

The resignation of Samuel Hecker as Market Master, was read and the matter postponed.

On motion, the Committee on Fire Apparatus was authorized to erect a fire plug in East Market street.

Com. on Survey was instructed to establish the grade in Market street, Morris Addition.

Clemin's & Farvin's bill was referred to Committee on Accounts.

The following bill were read and ordered to be paid:

Joseph Kimmel and others for work,	$145 25
Charles Worman and others, work done,	88 04
Peter Hellenthal,	50 62
do. on account of paving,	100 00
Gas Company,	151 57
M. Zweivel,	4 50
Joseph L. Snyder,	7 25
Jacob Medara,	12 00
Chas. W. Clemens,	2 07
Clemens & Heisler,	8 50
	$569 20

The Council then adjourned.

ASTOUNDING DEVELOPMENTS.

EXPOSURE OF A PLOT TO BETRAY MR. FILLMORE.

ATTEMPT TO SELL THE AMERICAN PARTY TO BUCHANAN.

Which is the "Bogus" Electoral Ticket!

"Slipping in at the Side Door."

READ! READ!!

LET ALL AMERICANS JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES.

Address of the Republican State Executive Committee.

To the People of Pennsylvania:

FELLOW-CITIZENS:—The Republican State Executive Committee, appointed by the State Convention, which assembled in Philadelphia in June last, was charged with the duty of nominating candidates for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States.

The Committee, always desirous of securing a fair and honorable alliance with other parties in this State, who are hostile to the forcible extension of slavery into free territory, considered that its duties would be discharged with greater satisfaction to its constituency, by casting no obstacles in the way of such an alliance. A large number of our fellow citizens had expressed their preferences for Mr. FILLMORE as a candidate for the Presidency, although their opinions on the question of slavery extension were concurrent with those entertained by the Republican party. Already the Republicans and Americans were united in support of the same candidates for certain State offices. In every county of the Commonwealth a fraternal feeling existed between the masses of the two parties. In every county, with but one or two exceptions, they united on the same candidates for Congress and the State Legislature, and a general desire was expressed from all quarters of the State for a union on one electoral ticket. About the middle of August, a verbal communication was made by Mr. SANDERSON, Chairman of the American State Central Committee, to the Chairman of the Republican State Committee, expressive of an anxiety to unite the two parties, *and requesting that the Republicans should postpone their nomination of electors in order to secure that object.* Several members of the American Committee made the same request; founding it on the assurance that the friends of Mr. FILLMORE, throughout the State generally, considered his election hopeless, and earnestly desired to secure the defeat of Mr. BUCHANAN.

Soon after Mr. SANDERSON's fraternal communication to the Chairman of the Republican Committee, he visited the city of Washington, and immediately on his return, a letter was received from him, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27, 1856.

SIR:—In obedience to the instructions of the Fillmore and Donelson State Committee, I submit to you, for the consideration and action of the Republican State Committee of which you are Chairman, the following proposition:

That the Chairman of the Democratic Republican, and American State Committees unite in issuing a call for such number of meetings, to be held at such times and places, as may be agreed upon by them, at which the issues involved in the present canvass shall be discussed, by an equal number of speakers of each party, and that the Chairman of each Committee shall have the exclusive right of selecting the speakers for his party at such meetings, but that the names shall be announced in the call for the meetings."

This resolution seems to require some explanation before it can be finally acted upon by our Committee. A few days ago I had the honor to receive from you, through the Hon. James Cooper, a very distinct intimation that the Committee of which you are Chairman desired to unite with the Republican State Committee, in the formation of an Electoral Ticket, to be supported by all citizens of Pennsylvania who are opposed to the Cincinnati Platform and to the election of Mr. Buchanan. On that ground you requested, thro' Mr. Cooper, that the Republican Committee should not form an Electoral Ticket at their meeting which had been called for yesterday, the 8th instant.

Several members of your Committee subsequently waited upon me, and stated as their opinion that one fellow citizen in the interior of the State who preferred Mr. Fillmore as a candidate for the Presidency were very generally in favor of such a course. I expressed to them, as well as to Mr. Cooper, my cordial acquiescence in the suggestion, and I am now instructed by the Republican State Committee to say that the proposition for a Union Electoral Ticket meets with their hearty and unanimous approval. According to your request, and for the purpose indicated by you, they have deferred the formation of an Electoral Ticket, and have named the 18th proximo as a suitable time for final action in the matter.

If the proposition embodied in your letter be intended to take effect after a Union Ticket shall have been formed, and Americans and Republicans are to meet as *allies* to resist the extension of slavery to territory which was solemnly dedicated to Freedom, we cannot hesitate to accept it. On that issue, which stands paramount in the contest, we are ready to give you hand and heart in an earnest struggle with that common foe which seeks, in the disguise of Democracy, to degrade the white laboring man to the level of a negro slave.

As soon as I receive your reply, I will furnish you with a more definite answer to the proposition contained in your letter.

I am, very respectfully yours, &c.,

CHAS. GIBBONS,
Chairman Republican State Committee.

To JNO. P. SANDERSON, Esq.,
Chairman of American State Com., &c.

The explanation thus sought was never given. Mr. SANDERSON refused to define his position, but *personally solicited the Chairman of the Republican Committee to withdraw his letter*, on the ground that he (Mr. SANDERSON) had expected a communication from Col. FOREY, the Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, but had received none, and it was *therefore unnecessary to preserve the correspondence.* His request was not complied with. On the 12th of September, he renewed it in person, and pressed it with much earnestness but without success. On the same day, he sought a third and secret interview with the Chairman of the Republican Committee, to whom he addressed the following note:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

DEAR SIR:—I have Forney's answer and would like to see you before 4 o'clock. Can you not slip in at the side door, and see me at my office? I do not like to call twice the same day at your office. Truly,

J. P. S.

To this note the following answer was immediately given:

FRIDAY, P. M., Sept. 12.

DEAR SIR:—I cannot call on you this afternoon, as you request. Perhaps it is unnecessary, as I can see no reason for withdrawing my reply to your letter of the 27th ult., and do not feel myself at liberty to reply with your request in that particular. Mr. Forney's answer could have no influence on my course under any circumstances.

If you are really in favor of uniting the Opposition on one electoral ticket, why need there be any mystery about it? I have no concealments in the matter, and if anything is to be done, we must act promptly and frankly.

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. GIBBONS.

J. P. SANDERSON, Esq., Chairman, &c.

In the evening of the same day (Sept.) 12 the American State Committee met in Philadelphia, but it is understood that Mr. SANDERSON witheld from his colleagues the foregoing correspondence. His committee at that meeting passed a resolution that they were "*in favor of any honorable arrangement with the friends of* FREMONT *and* DAYTON, *to defeat Mr.* BUCHANAN," which Mr. SANDERSON was requested to communicate to the Republican Committee, which was to meet on the 18th of the same month. *He suppressed the resolution*, and the Committee, although in session within two hundred yards of the "*side-door*" of his office, received no information from him on the subject.

It was still deemed expedient that the Republican Committee should take no action in the formation of an electoral ticket, without a fair and open conference with the American Committee. The subject was accordingly postponed to the 7th of October, and the following letter was addressed to Mr. SANDERSON—

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29, 1856.

DEAR SIR:—I am instructed by the Republican State Executive Committee, to invite a conference with the American State Committee at Harrisburg, on the 7th prox., for the purpose of forming an electoral ticket, to be supported by the citizens of Pennsylvania, who are opposed to the extension of Slavery, and to the election of Mr. Buchanan to the Presidency.

At the meeting of the Committee, which I have the honor to represent, held on the 18th inst., of which you had notice, some communication on this subject from the American Committee was fully expected; but none was received, and I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since.

We have been led to suppose that your committee has authority to withdraw whole, or in part, the electoral ticket nominated by the American Convention, for the purpose of securing an alliance of the two parties, against a common enemy. And believing that such an alliance may be formed without compromising the honor of either party, the Republican Committee has postponed the nomination of candidates for electors to the latest period which is consistent with the authority delegated to it by the State Convention.

I therefore beg leave to urge upon you the necessity of calling your Committee together for the purpose, and at the time and place above designated.

If you determine to do so, I will cheerfully forward your notice to each member of your committee by one or more special messengers whom you may consider worthy of your confidence.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. GIBBONS,
Chairman Repub. State Ex. Com.

JNO. P. SANDERSON, Esq.,
Chairman American State Ex. Committee.

Invitations to a conference were also addressed to the individual members of the American Committee, from several of whom written answers were received, urging a postponement of action until after the October election—pledging themselves in favor of a Union ticket—and communicating, for the first time, the resolution passed by their committee on the 12th of September, which has been suppressed by their chairman. One member of the Committee, referring to some of his colleagues in connection with the proposition for a Union ticket, says: "They may not join us for *powerful* reasons; but, by this as it may, we can carry the State without them. An appeal to the great body of the American party, is *the last resort*, is the true policy. I give you *again* the most unqualified assurance that I will lead this movement (for a Union ticket), and it will succeed."

As the writer of the letter indicates his suspicion of the *corruptibility* of some members of the American Committee, it is obviously improper to mention his name without his authority.

On the 5th of October, the following reply was received from Mr. SANDERSON, through the Post Office:

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3d, 1856.

DEAR SIR:—Being absent from the city when your letter was laid on my desk, it did not reach me until my return home, which will explain the cause of the delay in acknowledging its receipt.

The Fillmore and Donelson State Committee will have a meeting in this city, on the evening of the 16th instant, when I will present your communication to the Committee, and action of said Committee. Knowing the views of the members of the Committee as I do, on the subject to which your letter relates, I am satisfied that a meeting at the time and place stated by you, would end in accomplishing nothing, and be entirely useless. Hence, I do not feel myself warranted in complying with your request; and, therefore, respectfully decline to convene them at Harrisburg on the 7th instant.

I am, very truly yours,

J. P. SANDERSON.

CHAS. GIBBONS, Esq.,
Chairman Repub. State Committee.

The Republican Committee met at Harrisburg on the 7th inst., and adjourned to meet in Philadelphia on the 16th, for the purpose of forming the Electoral ticket in conjunction with the American Committee. The minutes of proceedings of the last named body, at its meeting on the 16th, have been published, and it appears that Mr. SANDERSON *suppressed* the foregoing communication addressed to him on the 29th of September, which in his answer he promised to lay before his committee.

The Republican Committee, at its meeting, held on the same day, sent a deputation to the American Committee, with the following instructions:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Fillmore and Donelson State Committee, be instructed to invite them to meet them and unite with the Republican State Executive Committee for the purpose of forming an electoral ticket, opposed to the election of James Buchanan, upon the basis proposed by the Union State Central Committee, as published in the call for a Union State Convention, to meet at Harrisburg on the 21st inst.

And, if that invitation be not accepted then,

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to invite the Fillmore and Donelson State Committee to meet with us for the purpose of *forming an electoral ticket* on some other basis, which will be likely to receive the support of this State opposed to the Cincinnati platform and the election of James Buchanan.

The American Committee refused to accept either invitation, and rejected the following resolutions offered by Mr. FRANCIS JORDAN, of Bedford:

Resolved, That if the friends of Fremont and Dayton accept and support the American electoral ticket, at the ensuing election, we are willing that the said ticket may cast the electoral vote of the State for Fremont and Dayton, in case it will defeat Mr. Buchanan, and will not elect Fillmore and Donelson.

They also struck from their Electoral ticket, two gentlemen, who had been placed on it by the American State Convention, who had declared that they preferred Mr. FREMONT to Mr. BUCHANAN for the Presidency, substituted others who prefer the latter to the former candidate, and finally adjourned.

A minority of the Committee (seven in number), dissatisfied with the conduct of their colleagues, then united with the Republican and North American Committees, and formed a Union electoral ticket, which is fully explained in the official announcement already made.

All that could be done by the Chairman of the American State Committee and his conjutors in the Democratic ranks, to give the electoral vote of Pennsylvania to Mr. BUCHANAN, by a secret side-door combination with the friends of that gentleman, to divide the strength of the opposition, has been accomplished. The proposition of the 27th August, was evidently designed to embroil the American and Republican parties in every county where they had united on Assembly and Congressional candidates, and thus aid the Democracy to an overwhelming victory. For what other object did the Chairman of the American State Committee place himself in communication with Mr. FOREY? Whether that gentleman accepted an invitation to "*slip in at the side door*" of Mr. SANDERSON, or whether Mr. SANDERSON "*slipped in at the side door*" of Mr. FOREY, is not certainly known. Why Mr. SANDERSON should invite a secret "*side-door*" interview, and shrink back from a fair, open and honorable conference, can only be surmised. Although Chairman of the American State Committee, he is well understood that he never was connected with the American organization, and under other circumstances, a "*side-door*" effort on his part to annihilate it, would perhaps subject him to no reproach. But why he should participate in the concoction of a scheme to frustrate and defeat the well known wishes and purposes of that party, after it had so far honored him with its confidence as to place him at the head of its State Committee, is a question which must be settled by those who have been betrayed.

The Democratic State Ticket has been elected by a small majority. It received the votes of thousands of Mr. FILLMORE's friends in Philadelphia and elsewhere, who cannot support JAMES BUCHANAN for the Presidency. It "*slipped in at the side-door*," while the true friends of the Union ticket were slumbering at their posts. They have not been vigilant. They have not put forth their strength. The official returns of the recent election show that in many counties their votes have not been polled. In Cumberland, the entire vote is *nearly six hundred less than in* 1851. In Berks, it is *nearly five hundred less than in* 1852. In Franklin it is *nearly six hundred less than in* 1852. In Dauphin there is an increase of seventy votes only, since 1852. Similar deficiencies will be found in the official returns from other counties. The Democratic party, with a perfect organization in every election district in the State, polled every vote which could be secured by the utmost vigilance, and at any cost. Never before were such efforts made by that party to carry an election—and never was an opposition more sanguine of its own success, and more neglectful of the proper means to secure it.

Friends of liberty! We invoke you to arouse from that supineness which must prove fatal to every cause, however just and holy it may be. With you a gracious Providence has deposited the power of arresting the extension of slavery to the free territories of the country. This is the single object of the Republican party. It proposes no interference with the constitutional claims of any State. It does not concern itself with slavery in the South—it seeks no quarrel with any section of the Union. But it demands fidelity to that solemn compact, which admitted Missouri, pledged freedom to Kansas, and peace to a distracted country. It declares that those who destroyed it, shall derive no advantage from their own wrongful act, and this is a principle daily administered in every court of justice throughout the civilized world. It promulgates no political doctrines of recent origin, but founds itself upon those embraced and maintained by WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, FRANKLIN, and other Fathers of the Republic.

The Electoral ticket nominated by the joint action of the State Committee, represents fairly the principles for which we contend.—Every vote cast for that which contains the name of John C. Fremont, is a vote for those principles, and the aggregate will exhibit their strength with the people of Pennsylvania. In proportion to the number of votes cast for that ticket, in the event of the election of the twenty-six electors, the vote of Pennsylvania will be cast in the Electoral College. And so, in proportion, the number of votes given for Millard Fillmore and the same twenty-six electors, will be the number of votes which he will receive in the Electoral College. Mr. Fremont and Mr. Fillmore are, therefore, rival candidates, and the contest for popular supremacy may be conducted by their respective friends with all the earnestness to their power, each contending for their principles without compromise or concealment, and asking no favors of the other. This plan of union exacting no moral sacrifice, must commend itself to both candidates, and its acceptance by them must result in the defeat of Mr. Buchanan.

Republicans! let us prepare for the final struggle. Our cause is just—our candidate is worthy. In the prime and vigor of a life, which has been devoted to honorable, laborious and useful services to the country, the acknowledged founder of the Free State of California, the first who opened a path for the emigrant across the Rocky Mountains in the shores of the Pacific, facing death, and overcoming dangers in the enterprise which no man before him dared to encounter, he has been presented to the people, not as a calculating and succe-ful politician, but as one from their own ranks, whose career is the evidence of merit, capacity and patriotism. If you would check the extension of slavery, and assert the worth and dignity of free labor; if you would preserve the constitutional rights of every section of our beloved country; if you would "ensure domestic tranquility, establish justice, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to yourselves and your posterity," the time to do it is now! For these very objects the lives and fortunes of men, in the early history of our country, were pledged and lost. No such sacrifices are demanded of you. We ask only that every citizen who values such blessings, and desires to make them permanent, may for that purpose devote a few days of peaceful labor to the cause. A full vote in Pennsylvania, on the 4th of November, will settle forever the sectional controversy into which the country has been plunged by the scandalous measures of an Administration which *Mr. Buchanan* has approved and is pledged to maintain.

CHARLES GIBBONS,
Chairman of Rep. State Ex. Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20, 1856.

TO THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The undersigned, members of the Republican, the Fillmore and Donelson, and the North American State Executive Committees, have agreed upon, and now present to the people of Pennsylvania Union Electoral Tickets, formed on the basis recommended by the Union State Central Committee.

Twenty-six of the Electors nominated, are common to each ticket. The name of John C. Fremont is placed at the head of the Fremont and Dayton ticket, as representing the twenty-seventh elector, and the name of Millard Fillmore is placed at the head of the Fillmore and Donelson ticket, as representing the twenty-seventh elector of that party. The Tickets are composed upon ARE as follows:

ELECTORS.

JOHN C. FREMONT.

James Irvin, of Centre County.
Joseph Edwards, Philadelphia.
George N. Eckert, Philadelphia.
Mahlon H. Dickinson, Philadelphia.
Wilson Jewell, Philadelphia.
Albert G. Rowland, Philadelphia.
Caleb N. Taylor, Bucks Co.
William Darlington, Chester Co.
William M. Baird, Berks Co.
Michael H. Shirk, Lancaster Co.
Simon Cameron, Dauphin Co.
John McCormick, Northumberland Co.
Smith B. Thompson, Clarion Co.
Russell F. Lord, Wayne Co.
Frederick E. Smith, Tioga Co.
Abram Updegraff, Lycoming Co.
Joseph D. Simpson, Perry Co.
Hezekiah Easton, Franklin Co.
Edward Scull, Somerset Co.
Wm. M. Stewart, Indiana Co.
Benair C. Sawyer, Allegheny Co.
Jacob Painter, Allegheny Co.
Lawrence McGuffin, Lawrence Co.
George W. Arnold, Clarion Co.
James Skinner, Erie Co.

ELECTORS.

MILLARD FILLMORE.

James Irvin, of Centre County.
Joseph Edwards, Philadelphia.
George N. Eckert, Philadelphia.
Mahlon H. Dickinson, Philadelphia.
Wilson Jewell, Philadelphia.
Albert G. Rowland, Philadelphia.
Caleb N. Taylor, Bucks.
William Darlington, Chester.
William M. Baird, Berks.
Michael H. Shirk, Lancaster.
Simon Cameron, Dauphin.
Jno. McCormick, Northumberland.
Smith B. Thompson, Montour.
Russell F. Lord, Wayne.
Frederick E. Smith, Tioga.
Abram Updegraff, Lycoming.
Joseph D. Simpson, Perry.
Hezekiah Easton, Franklin.
Edward Scull, Somerset.
Wm. M. Stewart, Indiana.
Alfred Patterson, Fayette.
Benair C. Sawyer, Allegheny.
Jacob Painter, Allegheny.
Lawrence L. McGuffin, Lawrence.
George W. Arnold, Clarion.
James Skinner, Erie.

The twenty-six electors are pledged to cast the votes of the State in the Electoral College, for the respective candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency in exact proportion to the popular vote given to each ticket. This forms a complete union of the opposition strength in Pennsylvania, while it enables every voter to indicate his preference of the Presidential candidates, without any compromise of this principles. Every vote given to the Fremont ticket counts in favor of the principles and candidates of Republican and North American parties respectively, and every vote given to the Fillmore ticket counts in favor of the Fillmore and Donelson party, and will be fully represented in the final result.

The undersigned now call upon all who are opposed to slavery extension over free territory—to the increase of slave representation in the Federal Government and to the Cincinnati platform and its candidates—and upon all who desire to preserve the peace and the honor of the country, and faithfully to sustain the constitutional rights of every section of it, to co-operate with them in this contest for Union, Liberty and Justice. We solemnly invoke their active and earnest efforts to overthrow that sectional organization which seeks to force slavery upon a free people at the point of the sword, and degrades American citizens by violating its safeguards at the ballot box.

The undersigned have appointed a committee to prepare an address to the people, which will be published in a few days.

We are happy to announce that entire unanimity existed in the proceedings of the committees, and no doubt is entertained that the result from common efforts to secure the adoption of a Union ticket on electoral tickets now presented, will be hailed with satisfaction by every citizen of Pennsylvania, who is honestly hostile to the Cincinnati Platform and the election of James Buchanan to the Presidency.

CHARLES GIBBONS,
Chairman Rep. St. Executive Com.

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