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**CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.**  
Speech Delivered by the Hon. JAMES H. CAMPBELL, of Illinois, before the Convention of the American People, at Pottsville, Pa., on Thursday, February 22, 1861.

Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. Speaker, it was announced yesterday in this Hall that Abraham Lincoln, a worthy, patriotic, and intelligent citizen of the State of Illinois, has been elected President of the United States of America, according to the forms and requirements of the Constitution, and laws made in pursuance thereof.

Abolitionists have marked the canvass, and people have periodically offered to their institutions whatever diversity of sentiment or partisan may have marked the canvass, unanimous obedience has, with patriotic ardor, waited upon the decisions of the ballot-box. By a graceful acquiescence in the voice of the majority, my countrymen have been proud to prove their capacity for self-government. The now dominant party of the Free States, for more than a quarter of a century, has been a hostile enemy to the policy of the slave States, although greatly superior to them in population, not because of any special objection to the law of the land.

The election of Mr. Lincoln carries with it the full force of constitutional precedent and the sanction of the people. I would not historic obedience is now for the first time required by a portion of the people—a refusal to acknowledge the result of the election. I would not historic obedience is now for the first time required by a portion of the people—a refusal to acknowledge the result of the election.

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