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REMARKS

OF HON. E. COWAN, OF WARREN COUNTY, On Senate Bill No. 1, relative to the maintenance of the Constitution and the Union.

Delivered Thursday, Jan. 17, 1861.

Mr. COWAN. It is not my purpose, Mr. SPEAKER, to very often assume the prerogative of an older and 'blister' member in debate. But perhaps in this I may be allowed to say a word in my voice against the partisan resolutions offered as an amendment by the gentleman from Philadelphia, (Mr. DUFFIELD), and in favor of the Senate resolutions.

I did hope, sir, that on a subject so important as this, the members of this House would stand united, shoulder to shoulder, in defence of a common country and a common cause. But no sooner are the Senate resolutions introduced, resolutions by the way, mild and conciliatory in tone, yet firmly determined in support of our government and the execution of its laws, and free from party bias,—than we are met with a proposition to substitute a political platform and a party creed, which were not three months ago repudiated by the people of Pennsylvania. Not a week of the session had gone by when it became apparent that three questions were to be decided by us. One was whether we should side with our own government or with the traitors, who, with bloody hands would destroy it; another,—and, sir, it is a monstrous proposition,—is, whether we will abolish the sacred writ of right, and make slave soil of Pennsylvania; and the other, now more immediately under discussion, is, whether our so-called Personal Liberty bill shall be repealed. Sir, I concisely reviewed the merits of the latter's Message in which he declares that "the judicial action of Pennsylvania, whether as a colony, as a member of the old confederacy, or under the existing Constitution of the United States, has been almost invariably influenced by a proper appreciation of her own obligations, and a high regard for the rights of the people, and the interests of her sister States."

Located midway between the cool, free-thinking North and the impulsive, hot-blooded South Pennsylvania never has been, and never can be, anything but loyal, law-abiding and conservative. The sections of the Act complained of I believe to be strictly Constitutional. They have been so, declared by legal minds in the State and out of it, besides being directly incorporated into our Penal Code by Commissioners, not only men of legal learning, but of Democratic politics, who were appointed to codify our laws. Subsequently, they were carefully considered and deliberately passed by the Legislature of 1860, and ratified by the late Executive of the Commonwealth. Certainly, if they were unconstitutional, or so objectionable to the members of the Union, some of these distinguished gentlemen have found it out. No, sir; that whole piece is as flawless as the fabric of a vision or a dream. It is an impeachment of our legislation and our history, and a reflection upon our fidelity and patriotism totally unwarranted by the facts.

But suppose there was room for a doubt of the constitutionality of the law, it would be the duty of the Supreme Court, whose decisions they would make us "respect" in advance, and whose fiat would sweep these sections away at a breath? Can they doubt its fidelity to the slave power of the nation, or its ability to administer constitutional law? Why make us the exponents of an unpopular and unwise policy, when we are now in a position to assume, or even to usurp?

But the truth is they are not objectionable. Probably not three men in ten ever knew we had such a law on our statute books, and never would have known it had the late election gone for anybody but Abraham Lincoln. They are simply made a pretext for another pre-termined act of aggression by slavery and its backers for place and power.

Besides, sir, the demand for repeal comes from a source which is coupled with conditions too humiliating to our independence and personal pride. It will go far and come much for reconciliation and peace as justice and the rights of man will allow. But when South Carolina and her sister spirits in rebellion voluntarily and coolly raise the arm of rebellion against our national flag, and the flag of the North and Yankee Doodle—and would obliterate the north Star in their madness if they could—when she demands by her agent at Washington that Fort Sumter and other public property must be surrendered or taken by force—it is too late to dictate terms to men who know their rights and how to defend them. Gentlemen may talk of concessions, or of giving the great forts and arsenals are turned upon us, if they will; I shall not. They may declare, as they do, that "the Union must and shall be preserved," but while they propose at the same moment to quietly hand over to a rebel every weapon of self defence—as our Personal Liberty bill clearly is, if it is any thing—such talk will be an affront to the people, and very cheap exhibition of discretion, or courage.

Let us well talk plainly, and act as we talk, and say at once that the Free North will never be driven! that we shall take no step backward!

I am further opposed to repeal, because it can now do no good. Had they come to us in an official way, before their overt acts of treason, and asked these things, even as they are, I might have been granted without a sacrifice of honor, duty and self-respect. But their position is taken. With a deliberate purpose they have done all they can to render the bonds which bind us together. If this rash step shall lead to civil war, upon those be the responsibility of the National act who first raised the standard of rebellion against the Government, and put the Union in peril. By all means the question should be settled now, and forever. If our boasted Government is a failure, and powerless in the national storm, (which I do not believe it is) it is properly administered; it is high time we knew it. We have no right to patch up a legacy to those who come after us. If it is a Government, vital with the powers of its own perpetuation, let us know that also, and have its laws executed to preserve the Constitution and the Union as they were made by the fathers. No compromise or concession of repeal can satisfy the slave power—the real cause of all our troubles—except a complete and absolute annihilation of the Republic itself, and a recognition of the right of slavery to go into the territories as it will, and to be protected there. This is really their ultimatum. If Republicans are ready to grant this, then let them come forward with their proposals. I am not prepared for such a step, nor am I ready to mean that kind of a compromise which means surrender. I shall deliver a further exercise of the right of thinking and voting as we

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