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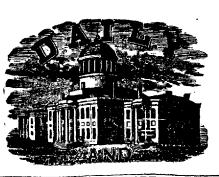
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Constitution, "to take care that the laws be faithfully executed." I do not believe that the American people have so degenerated from their forefathers that acts like these can escape swift and signal condemnation. The highest official wilfully violating the law is a malefactor, like any humble and less dangerous criminal; his acts rest on force, not right, and have no moral or legal sanction. To support him in such acts is but to become an accomplice in wrongs, which, if practiced by one party to-day, may

by this act against any officer refusing to re-

lease a prisoner upon the order of the court.

It is the crowning infamy of the proceedings

against Mr. Vallandigham, that he was hurried

beyond the jurisdiction of the courts of the

United States, to deprive him of the remedy provided by this act, which, before it is three

months old, is thus evaded and violated by the

Executive, whose duty is, in the words of the

be retorted upon it to-morrow. Daily we see new evidence of a design to pervert the military force of the country to partisan purposes. To the last elections in New Hampshire and Connecticut soldiers were sent home to vote, not as free citizens, according to their unbiased judgments, but under orders to vote a party ticket. And when an officer exercised his right as a freeman, and voted with the larger portion of the people of his State, he was ignominiously dismissed, and they were insolently stigmatized in an order issued from Washington. The trial of citizens upon political charges before military courts is a part of this design, which, for a temporary, partisan advantage, sacrifices the interests of the country, the true character of the soldier, and the most sacred rights of the citizen.

Let us inquire now, fellow-citizens, whether there is no remedy for such invasions of your rights. I do not pause to consider mere personal remedies. The lawful force with which the citizen may repel lawless violence may prove too feeble against organized aggression. The remedy by suit at law has been taken away by act of Congress in cases of "trespasses or wrongs done or committed by virtue or under color of any authority derived from, or exercised by or under the President of the United States, or any act of Congress." But did the founders of our institutions know so little of history and human nature as to rest their rights on mere paper declarations, with no political remedy for their infraction? No, fellow-citizens, the Constitution of our government is not the mere fair weather chart that its enemies call it, to be cast aside at the first rising of the storm. It was framed by statesmsn and soldiers fresh in experience of seven years of revolutionary war; it was meant for all weathers. Never was its wisdom clearer than in this day of trial. The pre-science of its framers provided for the case before us. It is for the people, through their State governments, to uphold civil liberty. I will borrow the words of Alexander Hamilton, because he, of all the framers of the Constitution, has been deemed the most indulgent to Federal power. He says: "Power being almost always the rival of power, the general government will at all times stand ready to check the usurpations of the State governments, and these will have the same disposition towards the general government. The people, by throwing themselves in either scale, will make it preponderate. If their right, are invaded by either, they can make use of the other as an instrument of redress .-How wise will it be in them, by cherishing the Union, to preserve to themselves an advantage which can never be too highly prized. It may be safely received as an axiom in our political system that the State governments will, in all possible contingencies, afford complete security against invasions of the public liberty by the national authority." To the just appli-cation of these principles is due the difference

New Jersey or New York and a citizen of Ohio. Let Pennsylvanians profit by the lesson. Civil liberty is a rare and priceless boon, not given to all the world, but, at long intervals, vouchsafed to the most favored races; it is preserved only through constant vigilance, intelligence, and virtue. Our forefathers, after painful efforts often frustrated and long delayed, attained the glorious prize. But we are dealing with it as spendthrift heirs deal with some rich inheritance that cost them nothing. The Abolitionists of our day do not wish to hear of safeguards and defences, and constant vigilance; with them liberty is a thing by no means necessary for white men, though very good for negroes. They clamored for habeas corpus and trial by jury for every fugitive slave, because the Constitution did not accord them to him; but those for whom the Constitution does provide those rights must not have them. Not many weeks ago I stood by the venerable statesman of Kentucky when he addressed an assemblage in this city. I heard him say, "We must fight this war in obedience to a just instinct to sustain the liberties our fathers left us. Never fail to protest against any violation of the Constitution, nor let any member of the government transgress it. People are very easily habituated to encroachments upon their liberties. The Syren song was fatal to the listeners."

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Such was the counsel of almost the last survivor of the Statesmen born with the Constitution, who raised their country to the highest pinnacle of prosperity and honor. Statesmen, indeed! who knew the arts that make a nation happy and keep it so. They have left no successors who can tempt us to willingly resign to them the rights of thought and action that belong to freemen. A brilliant despot, like Napoleon, may dazzle the people, for a while, to believe that he is wiser than all the world; but I must say-even at the risk of being called disloyal-that we have no one at the helm of government whose caprice or judgment is beter than the wisdom of centuries, better than the Constitution and laws. To write, to speak, to assemble peaceably to discuss the proceedings of every branch of the government, are rights doubly guaranteed to you by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Pennsylvania. Do not yield nor intermit these rights; a popular government rests on truth and free discussion. Give no heed to the senseless cry that a time of war is no time for the people to speak or to think about the conduct of it. Systematic mendacity may lull you into false security, while a hap-hazard policy, looking always for "peace in ninety days," and leaving commerce without protection and armies without reserves, may again expose your firesides to the inroads of the enemy. Maintain, at every cost, the freedom of elections; remember that, last October, under pretense of a draft that was never made, deputy U. S. marshals were posted over the ballot box in every precinct in this city. The elective franchise is the life of our institutions, and an assault on it is the beginning of anarchy and revolution. I will not turn to other topics at a meeting

called to consider a special violation of civil liberty. It has been to me, especially, a duty and a pleasure to accept the invitation to be here to night; for I served with Mr. Vallandigham in the last Congress. Our several records show the points on which we differed. But I stand here now to say, of an outraged and banished man, that I always regarded him—and I have learned nothing yet to alter my opinion-as an upright, honorable, patriotic citizen, who cherished views which he sincerely deemed to be the best for his country, and who sought to advance them, not by any secret, illicit, or disloyal means, but by open argument before the people of the Northern His peace doctrines may be now impracti-

eable, but in the Quaker City, the Capital of the Commonwealth that Penn founded, they will not seem so strange and dangerous as to warrant their suppression by lawless violence. We may safely infer the innocence of his actions, since he was dragged beyond the reach of civil justice, because no charge could be ventured against him, even before a grand jury to be summoned by his political enemies. But thoughtful men will not consider this as merely the case of Clement Laird Vallandigham. They will recognize the truth uttered by the great Earl of Chatham-the champion of English and American liberty. He said, "the character of Mr. Wilkes has nothing to do with the question. I consider him, as an Englishman, possessed of rights which the laws have given him, and which the laws alone can take from him. In his person, though he were the worst of men. I contend for the security of the best; and God forbid that there should be a power in this country capable of measuring the civil rights of the subject by any other

OUTPOURING OF THE DEMOCRACY OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

rule but the fixed laws of the land!"

A large and enthusiastic gathering of the Democratic masses of Old Huntingdon was held at the court house, in the borough of Huntingdon, on Friday, the 29th inst., for the purpose of considering the late outrage upon the Monitor newspaper, and to assert the right of free speech and the freedom of the press -It was the largest political meeting ever held in Huntingdon, the court house being too small to admit the vast numbers present.

The assemblage was called to order by the selection of Major Geo. W. Speer, of Mount Union, as President, who, upon taking the chair, announced the object of the meeting, and in an eloquent and forcible manner described the present unhappy and distracted condition of our country, and showed the imperative necessity of adhering to the time-honored landmarks of the Democratic party. Having served his country in the present war against the Southern rebellion as long as declining health would permit, he scorned the imputation that Democrats were disloyal to the Constitution and the Union, and administered a withering rebuke to the "stay-at-home patriots," who manifest their patriotism by destroying printing offices, and find employment in "smelling treason."

The following named persons were then selected as

VICE PRESIDENTS. Nicholas Cresswell, Carns Patterson, Daniel lassey, Thomas Stowart, John A. Campbell, John K. Metz, John M. Stoneroad, Lewis Stever, David Hamilton, Caleb Greenland, John S. Gehrett, Daniel J. Logan, Edward M'Hugh, Samuel Brooks, Thomas Maher, Thomas H. Fagan, Dennis M'Hugh, Capt. Wm. Riley, Maj. John Zentmyre, James Higgins, J. Mur-1ay simpson, Adam Rupert, Sr., Jas. Wilson, Adam Speck, Geo. Jackson, Wm. H. Harper, James Johnson, Samuel Miller, H. F. Haslett. Alex. M'Caslin, Job Plympton, Dan'l Myers. Jr., Charles Porter, N. Isenberg, Abm. Cress-well, H. Helfright, David M'Carvey, John Lukens, Dr. Wm. P. M'Nite, A. M. Shoop, Robert Gooshorn, Thomas Irvin, John Mierley, John Nail, Mordecai Henry, Jacob Porter, Geo. W. Patterson, Thomas K. Henderson.

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Miller, Gen. R. C. M'Gill, Dr. A. F. Neely, Jacob Hauger, George M'Glaughlin, Henry L. Harrey, David Wilson, George Noss, George

M'Crum, Wm. M Cartney, John Miller, John M'Grath, Alex. Norris, J. G. Jones, Samuel G. Simpson, David P. Henderson. On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of twenty-five to draft and report resolutions expressive of the sense of

the meeting. The following persons were named as said Committee; R. Bruce Petriken, Albert Owen, R. Milton Speer, J. Simpson Africa, Frans B. Wallace, A. J. Postlethwait, Miles M'Hugh, Matthew Murray, David C. Gates, Mahlon T. Stryker, Peter Piper, Jr., John Henderson, Jesse Henry, James Ewing, Thos. Bell, J. Hedding, George Wilson, Jacob Longenecker, Thomas Turner, A. P. Wilson, William Colon, Samuel Henderson, John B. Frazier, Wm. A. Stephens,

Thomas P. M'Nite. The assemblage was then ably and eloquently addressed by Hon. Robert L. Johnson, of Cambria, Hon. George Sanderson, of Lancaster, John H. Orvis, Esq., of Centre, S. M. Wood-

kok, Esq., of Blair, and others. The speeches were all distinguished for their coolness, clearness and power. For four hours the hall of the court-house was densely packed by the Democratic yeomanry of the county. Cheer after cheer greeted the speakers, as words of eloquence fell from their lips. It was a scene rarely witnessed here, and it gladdened the hearts and strengthened the faith of the

unterrified Democracy.

The committee made a report, which was read and unanimously adopted, as follows, viz: WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States declares: "That Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peacably to assemble and to petition the government

for a redress of grievances:" And whereas, The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania declares: "That the printing presses shall be free to very per-son who undertakes to examine the proceedings of the Legislature or any branch of government, and no law shall ever be made to restrain the right thereof. The free communication of thoughts and opinions is one of the invaluable rights of man; and every citizen may freely speak, write and print on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty :"

And whereas, "The Monitor" newspaper, the organ of the Democratic party of Huntingdon county, in and for the exercise of these rights, was, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., entirely destroyed by a lawless mob, excited by partisan prejudices; therefore,
Resolved, That this flagrant outrage upon the

dearest rights of the American citizen merits and receives our fullest condemnation, and should receive the stern disapproval of every man who loves order and values liberty.

Resolved, That, relying, as heretofore, on the virtue, intelligence and patriotism of the people, and believing that the thickening emergencies of the crisis and the perpetuation of the government require the triumph of correct constitutional principles, we will immediately reestablish the Monitor upon a firm and permanent basis, and yield it a generous support as the organ of our political faith.

Resolved, That the people are the source of all power; that their will is expressed in their State and National Constitutions, and that those who have been chosen to administer the government are the servants and not ters of the people.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the United States and the laws made in pursuance thereof are the supreme law of the land; that they furnish the rule of political action to every citizen, and that we repudiate, as a monstrous heresy, the doctrine that in times of war the Constitution is abolished.

Resolved, That the attempt to suppress the freedom of speech and of the press-to close the voice of honest criticism upon the measures and conduct of the party in power-to cover up the faithlessness and corruption of our public servants by arresting every man who dares to express them, is a gross violation of every principle of constitutional liberty, and an alarming invasion of the dearest rights

Resolved, That it is our duty to obey the Constitution and the laws, and it is our right, solemnly guaranteed to us by our great Charter of Freedom, fairly, freely and fully to discuss the measures and policy of the administration, and to approve them when just and to condemn them when unjust; and this sacred right no freeman will ever surrender.

Resolved, That we are for a vigorous prosecution of the war for the suppression of the rebellion-for the reasserting of the supremacy of the Constitution, and for the restoration of the Union in its original integrity; that we are unalterably opposed to a dissolution of the government or a division of the national territory, and that we will use every constitutional means in our power to avert so dire a catastrophe. Resolved,, That this war should be in defence

of the Constitution and not for its overthrow, and, therefore, we denounce the arbitrary arrests of citizens and their trial by courts-martial in States were all the civil tribunals are open and the course of justice unobstructed. as palpable violations of law and startling usurpations of power.

Resolved, That in the letter of the Hon. Goo. Taylor, President Judge of this district, accepting the nominatin of the people for the responsable position he now holds, we find in the following language a proper condemnation of his late course: "A Jdudge should not be a politician. That it is grating to our sense of propriety to observe one whose office it is to administer justice with a steady and impartial hand between. persons of all parties and classes, descending into the arena of local partisan strife; nor can, it, in the nature of things, ever happen without impairing public confidence in his entire independence and impartiality as a Judge."

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Democratic papers of our Senatorial and Congressional districts, in the PATRIOT AND Union, and the Philadelphia

Resolved, That we endorse the course of the PATRIOT AND UNION and the Philadelphia Age, and commend them to the confidence and support of the Democracy.

Letters from the following named gentlemen, approving the object of the meeting, and expressing regret that they could not be present, were read: Hon. Wm. Bigler, Hon. Wm. A. Stokes, Hon. C. L. Pershing, William Overfield, Jr., and B. F. Meyers, Esq.

The meeting then adjourned with "three times three" for the Union, the Constitution, General M'Clellan and the army.

RECENT foreign papers give the particulars of a severe earthquake experienced at the Island of Rhodes in April last. A number of ancient buildings were badly damaged. Several hundred lives were lost, including nearly the entire population of one town, who were

A duel was fought near Falmouth, Virginia, David Caldwell, A. D. Crist, Dr. Geo. Mears, the 108th New York, and Lieutenant Porter,