

To the People of Pennsylvania.

The State Committee appointed by the Union State Convention, which assembled at Harrisburg, on the 17th of July last, deeply impressed with the important consequences which are dependent on the result of the general election to be held on the 11th instant, again address you.

In the midst of military excitement, and the peril of actual invasion by the armed forces of the rebels who have risen against the just authority of the government—a peril which has been prevented by the gallantry of our troops, and the enthusiastic rally of our people at the call of our Governor—the considerations connected with the action of the voters at the polls have been largely lost sight of, and failed to impress the public mind with a due conviction of their importance. While the movements of our armies in the field are full of the deepest interest, and absorb popular attention, no less importance is connected with the decisions of the people at their annual elections. If they fail there to sustain the government with a sentence of approval, its main support will be withdrawn, and the public credit, which is indispensable to the support of military operations, must suffer and be impaired, if not entirely destroyed. The country has presented during its pending troubles an example unprecedented in the history of nations. Without resorting to appeals for pecuniary aid from foreign capitalists the Government has received from the people ample supplies of means, and every man in the community has an interest in maintaining the value of the public securities, either in the shape of bonds or treasury notes, which compose a large portion of the circulating medium, measuring the value of property, constituting a legal tender in the payment of debts and passing from hand to hand as the price of commodities, or in the payment of the wages of labor. This currency, based upon the faith and dependent upon the perpetuity of the government, deeply involves the pecuniary interest of each individual citizen. The capitalist and the corporation, the man of business, the farmer and the mechanic, even the widow and the orphan, find their property invested in the securities issued by the government, and dependent upon its ability to redeem engagements in due time, and in the interim to pay the interest, or prevent the evidence of indebtedness from depreciating in the market.

To withhold support, and withdraw confidence from the government, now is to put all these interests at hazard. To allow its opponents to obtain even an apparent advantage at the election, is to startle the always sensitive market in which these securities are negotiated, and to cast a suspicion upon the value of the currency which has lately been introduced. The success of the political opponents of those who are charged with the administration of public affairs, who are already ominously and craftily stirring up popular discontent against the payment of the taxes necessarily imposed for the preservation of the public credit, and who would not hesitate, for the accomplishment of their partisan aims, to excite a feeling in favor of the reputation of the public indebtedness itself, would jeopard all the great interests to which we have referred, and sap the foundations of the government. In emergencies like the present, it will not do to mince matters, or to close our eyes to the perils which surround us. Government and property are alike involved in the issue. The purpose avowed by the Convention which constituted this Committee was to give an earnest and unqualified support to the government in its present difficulties, to sustain it by the free expression of opinion, to encourage our armies in the field by the firm and cordial co-operation of the people at home, and to uphold the public credit by sanctioning every means which is required to sustain its financial operations.

Such is not the policy of those who have ranged themselves in political opposition to the measures of the government. Their course tends directly to the subversion of the power of the Administration to maintain the contest and overthrow the rebellion. Should it be so hampered and crippled as to fall in this, what have we to expect? The leaders of the rebellion proclaim that it is their intention, if they can succeed in dictating terms, not only to divide the Union, and set up an independent government over that portion of its territory which they claim, but to impose upon the remaining States and their people the burden of paying all the expenses of the war incurred by both parties. Who can calculate the unnumbered Hundreds of Millions of Dollars which constitute the liabilities incurred by their mad and wicked endeavor to overthrow the best Government established by our fathers, and to divide and destroy the patrimony which they bequeathed to us? Who is willing to assume the intolerable burden? The resources of the nation, broken, dissipated and degraded, would be wholly unequal to the effort, and universal bankruptcies, as well as national dishonor and disgrace, would sweep every interest in the country, and sweep away its property.

We appeal to you, therefore, fellow-citizens, to bear steadily in mind those important considerations, and let them be a motive to induce you to see that the ballot box gives no uncertain or doubtful expression at the ensuing election; but let it be full, clear and explicit, in favor of sustaining the public credit against every

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