

DAILY POST.

The Divided Sentiments of the People—Some of the Reasons why they are not United.

Our Abolition contemporaries have, from time to time, evinced a great deal of fretfulness, and indulged largely in denunciation, because the people will not embrace their views, and adopt their policy, in regard to the war. They tell us that, in a war to preserve the Union and not to abolish slavery, the people should be one mind, and should unite in the one purpose.

It is, therefore, pertinent to inquire why there is a want of unity in the public mind, on this subject.

In the first place, men of intelligence, deeply versed in the philosophy of Government, have always held that the Union was founded in fratricide, not in force, was the result of voluntary assent, not coercion, and that the history of the country abundantly proves the correctness of this hypothesis.

Indeed, this has been the position of the Government since it was instituted. The axiomatic truth, incorporated by the illustrious Jefferson into the Declaration of Independence, that "Government is founded on the assent of the governed," has been accepted by all American statesmen throughout our history, and has always been a staple of popular American thought.

Nevertheless, in the course of our history, there has been a growing tendency to regard the Union as a thing imposed upon the people, rather than as a thing voluntarily assented to by them. This has been especially true since the Revolution, and has culminated in the present day.

It is, therefore, not surprising that there is a want of unity in the public mind, on this subject.

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