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need take alarm. But it is not necessary took beyond our own country for preceltents
owarrant a modification of ori law of libel.
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lias seemed to be have made this subject on
of contritutional revghationi. Thee Constith
tion of Rhode Lslanit declires that

## "In all trials for libel, both civil and crim- inal, the trint, unless published from mali- cious motives, shall be suflicient defence to

## The Constitution of New York contains this liberal provision:

Tor libals criminal prosecutions or indictments
for the jury; mand me if it shall apen in evidence
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and was published with goou motives, and
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the.. The Constitutions of New Jersey, Missis-
sippi, Michigan, lowa, Wiscousin, and
know not how many other States-for time thid not anlow me to consult them all-con-
tain, word for word the Article 1 have just
quoted frome Constitution of New York.
Now sir, the object of the bill before us, is simply to make our Pennsy Ivania law of libe
contorm, in borne legree, 10 what is the pre
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element, than the press of our mother coun Try or of our sister Slates? Surely not, sir.
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press. else it would never, under their patron-



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with the view to extront money, or he thirst
for revenge, come into court ond demand reparation for injury to character, when char-
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yer who hears me, whether, in his experience,
it $i$ is not one of it is not one of the rarest things to see a pros-
ecution for libel instituted by a man whose







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