

THE A. M. STAR & REPUBLICAN BANNER.

continuance of the order. They have kept it from sinking into annihilation by its sins, and are thus equally censurable with its members. No association of men, however impudent and hardened, can withstand, for years, the indignant well founded, universal rebuke of their fellow citizens. So treated, the worst members would be driven from the face of the sun, and from public observation into the fastnesses and caves of the earth, to take upon themselves the skulking habits, along with the flagitious purposes, of felons; and the best would be compelled to abandon it.

It is attempted to make antimasonic odious, because it is political. But these attempts must recoil upon those with whom they originate. None but tyrants can think the use of political means degrading. And there seems to be peculiar effrontery required to impeach it, in a country where every thing most memorable, in its history has been inseparably connected with political movement, and every thing most animating in its prospects, is dependent upon political action and supervision. The exertions of our fathers to establish our Independence were political exertions. Even the revolutionary war and the war of 1812, were waged for political objects. The constitutions, by which our civil and religious rights are secured, are political constitutions. And this independence, these constitutions, and rights, can be preserved and perpetuated only by political means.

Voting for our public servants is the highest exercise of sovereign power known in our land. It is the paramount distinctive privilege of freemen. In countries where only a small minority of the people are authorised to vote, if oppressive measures are adopted, by their rulers, they must either submit, or fight. In countries where all the citizens are authorised to vote, if they are oppressed, they can throw off the oppression, by their votes. And if the frowns of power, or the calumnies of malefactors have force to dissuade them from using their votes to throw it off, they are fit for slaves, and can be only slaves. The highest functionaries of the general and state governments are amenable to the people, for the proper discharge of their duties. But a freeman, when he votes for a candidate, exercises the right of selecting, among those who are eligible, subject to no authority under heaven. For his choice he is accountable only to his conscience and his God. And why should he not, in the most sovereign act he can perform, do himself the great justice of giving expression to the honest conviction of his soul? If having the will, he cannot do it, he is a slave. If having the power, he will not do it, he is corrupt.

An enlightened exercise of the right of suffrage is the constitutional and equitable mode adopted by the antimasons to remove the evils they suffer, and produce the reform they seek. But this mode, to be a avail, must include a judicious selection of candidates. After diligent inquiry and mature deliberation we have selected, and now nominate, for your support, as a candidate for the office of President of the United States, at the next election,

WILLIAM WIRT, OF MARYLAND;

And for Vice President,

AMOS ELLMAKER, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

These citizens we deem eminently possessed of the qualifications before set forth, as most essential for the offices, with which we have associated their names—and confident of their devoted attachment to the principles of administration contained in this address, and their concurrence in our views of the crimes of freemasonry, and the necessity of their removal, by directing against them the sovereign and free remedy of public suffrage, and the bestowment of official favors, we earnestly recommend them to your support. Their election would be a great step towards the rescue of our republic from the odious and formidable power which endangers it; and we will labor to accomplish it, in the spirit of freemen. In this labor, we invite you to participate.

Our free principles cannot be preserved without constant vigilance, and a continuance of the same disinterested and determined action, by which they were established. They are the best possession of the rich, and the only wealth of the poor. They are the common and peculiar property of the nation, embracing all its rights, its virtues, and its fortunes.

Neither the price of our liberties nor their fruits will permit them to be regarded without emotion, by any intelligent mind. They have been purchased by ages of just, and earnest thought, of brave and generous effort, of vicissitude, and suffering, and blood. Nor have they been purchased in vain. They have taught man to form a just estimate of his own worth, and of that of his fellow beings, to estimate the value of a reasonable and responsible creature, not by the place which he may hold in an artificial and unnatural state of society, but solely by the faculties conferred upon him, by his Maker, and the intelligence and virtues of his character. And while they have abased the proud from his stilted and haughty elevation, they have brought up the poor to the exalted standard of human rights and human hopes; and thus opened the way for the whole family of man, "to run the great career of justice." We have set out first in this career. Let us remove every impediment, which would obstruct our progress in it, and, by the attractions of our success, invite all nations to embrace it. If we are true to ourselves, our institutions, our fathers, and our prosperity, this is to be our glorious destiny. The influence of our example is already great. In our foreign

conflicts and negotiations, our vigor, prudence, and wisdom, have made us respected and illustrious. Let not there qualities be wanting in their proper domestic applications, that the value of our example may be enhanced, and its influence increased.— Providence has manifestly cast upon us the high responsibility of determining the most interesting problem of social life, that of man's capacity for self government. If we suppress all unsocial conspiracy, and selfish faction, from within, as we hitherto have done all dictation and tyranny from without, we shall determine it in favor of liberty.— Such a determination the great and the good of every nation expect from us; and they are beginning, in the face of all their foes, to hazard upon their possessions, their honor and their lives. Let us neither disappoint them, nor betray ourselves. A disinterested and faithful adherence to the principles which we inculcate, and to the modes of sustaining them, which we recommend, becomes both our cause and our responsibility; and irresistably commanding itself to the adoption of the honest and the free, it will give that cause success. If it fails, then, duty, improvement, self-government, happiness, are phantoms. We shall be compelled to repudiate the memory of our immortal sires, and forego the great inheritance they have bequeathed us. But it will not fail. Freedom is not more the friend of man, than the favorite of heaven. It is equally our highest glory, our most sacred duty, our most assured hope, and our promised possession.

MAINE.

Levi Cram, Bangor, Penobscot co.,

Hanes Learned, Gardner, Kennebec co.,

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Caleb Emery, Lyman, Grafton co.,

VERMONT.

Josiah Rising, Rupert, (West) Bennington co.,

Samuel C. Loveland, Reading, Windsor co.,

Charles Davis, Danville, Caledonia co.,

Joseph H. Brainerd, St. Albans, Franklin co.,

Edward D. Barber, Middlebury, Addison co.,

MASSACHUSETTS.

Abner Phelps, Boston,

Amaia Walker, do.

Benjamin V. French, do.

Stephen Oliver, Lynn, Essex co.,

Alpheus Bigelow, Weston, Middlesex co.,

Nathan Lazell, Jr., Bridgewater, Plymouth co.,

Joseph Morton, Milton, Norfolk co.,

John Bailey, Dorchester, do. (P. O. Milton.)

Malch. H. Ruggles, Troy, Bristol co. (P. O. Fall River.)

Hiram Manly, Easton, do.

Gardner Burbank, Worcester, Worcester co.,

Samuel B. Barlow, Granville, Hampden co.,

Ephraim Hoyt, Deerfield, Franklin co.,

Nahum Hardy, Waltham, Middlesex co.,

RHODE ISLAND.

William Sprague, Cranston, Providence co. (P. O. Providence.)

George Turner, Newport, Newport co.,

Benjamin F. Hallott, Providence,

Walter Paine, Jr., do.

CONNECTICUT.

Smith Wilkinson, Pomfret, Windham co.,

John Boynton, South Coventry, Tolland co.,

Samuel Kellogg, Colchester, New London co.,

Henry Halsey, Windsor, Hartford co.,

Henry Terry, Plymouth, Litchfield co.,

Sheldon C. Leavitt, Bethlehem, do.,

NEW YORK.

Henry Cotheal, New York City.

Henry Dana Ward, do.

William Howard, do.

Robert Townsend, Jr., do.

Samuel St. John, do.

Samuel A. Foote, do.

Jonathan Ferris, Cortland, Westchester, (P. O. Peekskill.)

Thomas S. Lockwood, Fallsburgh, Sullivan co.,

James Burt, Warwick, Orange co.,

Silas Stone, Hudson, Columbia co.,

Joseph Case, Petersburgh, Rensselaer co. (P. O. Hoosick.)

Samuel M. Hopkins, Albany,

David Russell, Salom, Washington co.,

Samuel Goodridge, Potsdam, St. Lawrence co.,

Kouben-Goodale, Watertown, Jefferson co.,

John C. Morris, Butternut, Otsego co.,

Gamaliel H. Bartest, Nicholls, Tioga co.,

James Geddes, Onondago, Onondago co. (P. O. Geddes.)

John C. Spencer, Canandaigua, Ontario co.,

Everett Van Buren, Penn Yan, Yates co.,

Elijah Miller, Auburn, Cayuga co.,

Phineas L. Tracy, Batavia, Genesee co.,

Philip C. Fuller, Genesee, Livingston co.,

John Birdsall, Chautauque, Chautauque co. (P. O. Mayville.)

George H. Boughton, Lockport, Niagara co.,

Thomas Beekman, Peterboro, Madison co.,

Samuel P. Lyman, Utica, Oneida co.,

Samuel S. Seward, Warwick, Orange co. (P. O. Flora.)

James S. Wadsworth, Genesee, Livingston co.,

William H. Seward, Auburn, Cayuga co.,

Nicholas Devereux, Utica, Oneida co.,

Myron Holley, Lyons, Wayne co.,

Tiley Lynde, Sherburn, Chenango co.,

Charles W. Lynde, Homer, Cortland co.,

Timothy Childs, Rochester, Monroe co.,

Noble D. Strong, Auburn, Cayuga co.,

Wm. G. Verplanck, Ballston Spa, Saratoga co.,

NEW JERSEY.

John Rutherford, Lodi, Bergen co. (P. O. Bollville, Essex co.)

James Vanderpool, Newark, Essex co.,

John H. Voorhees, Bound Brook, Somerset co.,

John Alling, Newark, Essex co.,

Wm. Vanderpool, do.

John Northrop,

PENNSYLVANIA.

Harmar Denny, Pittsburgh, Alleghany co.,

John Clarke, Philadelphia,

John R. Jones, do.

William Grimshaw, do.

Charles Waters, do.

Samuel Parke, Lancaster,

Owen Stover, West Chester, Chester co.,

George Smith, (Haverford P. O.) Delaware co.,

James Paul, (P. O. Willowgrove,) Montgomery county.

Thomas Elder, Harrisburg, Dauphin co.,

Christian Pretz, Allentown, Lehigh co.,

Samuel Leidy, Lower Saucon, Northampton co.,

John Burrows, Montourville, Lycoming co.,

Jacob Alter, (Carlisle, P. O.) Cumberland co.,

Jacob Cassatt, Gettysburg, Adams co.,

Charles Doyle, Somerset, Somerset co.,

Jacob B. Miller, Uniontown, Fayette co.,

Samuel McKeegan, West Alexandria, Washington co.,

William W. Irvin, Pittsburgh, Allegheny co.,

Joseph Buffington, Kittanning, Armstrong co.,

Robert F. Conner, Warren, Warren co.,

Charles Diel, Windsor, York.

Samuel Harvey, Germantown, Philadelphia co.,

William Heister, New Holland, Lancaster co.,

Benjamin Riegle, Monroe, P. O., Bucks co.,

Thomas H. Boggs, Lancaster city.

Thaddeus Stevens, Gettysburg, Adams co.,

The bank of the United States has loaned

to the City of Cincinnati one hundred thousand dollars, 5 per centum, the stock re-

deemable at the expiration of forty years.

Thomas C. Hamby, York, York co.,

OHIO.

Jonathan Sloane, Ravenna, Portage co.,

Jonathan Warner, Jefferson, Ashland co.,

Warren Jenkins, Columbus, Franklin co.,

Ziba Lindly, Jr., Athens, Athens co.,

Nathaniel Kidder, Rush, Champaign co.,

Robert Hanus, Cadiz, Harrison co.,

James Pike, Columbus, Franklin co.,

Frederick W. Foyler, Milan, Huron co.,

DELAWARE.

Joshua V. Gibbons, Wilmington, Newcastle co.,

John S. Shriver, Baltimore.

MARYLAND.

From the Washington Telegraph:

The nomination of Mr. Wirt must satisfy

all that Mr. Clay cannot obtain the votes