

seems to me, gentlemen, that when the Presidency is conferred upon a poor mortal, it transforms him into a god, in his own estimation, or into a lunatic. (Laughter.) Nobody is permitted to approach power to tell the truth. Power never hears the thunder voice of the people, sitting as it does in its cushioned chairs, between its marble walls. The independent man, loud and bold, and with a clear eye, who comes to tell the truth, is waived from the Presidential presence as a rude intruder. As I said, repeated efforts were made, and made in vain, to heal the difference. This conferring of Presidential patronage—of vast millions—more than the monarch of Great Britain enjoys, and nearly as much as the French despot wields—this patronage induced Mr. Buchanan to believe that he could make his test successful. How was it made? Gentlemen, when the chapter which shall detail the manner in which the Administration has used its patronage to force this test upon the white men of the North is written, it will be a BLACK CHAPTER. When our children and our children's children shall come to read it, they will not believe that an American citizen, elevated to the Presidential chair in the face of such a people, covered with such an armor of pledges, could have gone into that chair to have used his army—his army and the treasury—your money and mine—for the purpose of putting down that gallant band of men simply for standing by God's plain truth; and I could wish that when the historian comes to write he be not compelled to write that that President was born in Pennsylvania. (Applause.) Now, gentlemen, who set with Mr. Haskin, who we follow the flag borne by those great heroes of the day—Henry A. Wise and Stephen A. Douglas—are constantly twitted with combining with what are politely called Black Republicans. (Laughter.) But have you, who are Americans, witnessed the efforts of the Administration to make a union with us? The Administration can combine with the Americans, (I believe you are called Know Nothing sometimes) and that is all right. Or if a Black Republican comes out for Lecompton, he is immediately washed clean and white. (Laughter.) Why, gentlemen, the principles that we fought for in 1856 are now reduced to—Lecompton. We may be as true as the North Star upon every real principle, but if we don't go for Lecompton we are damned indeed. (Laughter.) If a Republican or an American becomes Lecomptonized, he is not only speedily forgiven, but he is elevated to the highest seat in the synagogue, and he is pointed at as a brand rescued from the burning. (Laughter.) The Administration is pledged, recollect, to a platform of hostility to secret political societies. It is pledged in its platform to those who speak with a rich Irish brogue or a sweet German accent. But, gentlemen, born Americans and adopted citizens, you are not to recollect when an American becomes Lecomptonized, but that only those are infamous who unite with Republicans and Americans to vindicate a principle. (Applause.) Then you are out of the party, and are excluded from decent society, and henceforth and for ever you are never to be forgiven unless at the last moment you come forward and say, "Praise unto thee, John Calhoun and Lecompton." (Laughter.) I have been toiling in the Democratic party since I was a boy, and I am not quite forty-one years old. I never voted any but a straight out Democratic ticket. My friend Samuel J. Randall, who was an American, and who was elected to the Senate of our State as a Democrat last year, said to me: "I am freshly in the party, and you are freshly out of it." Thus I find myself turned out of the Democratic party, because I will not consent to leave Democratic principles. (Laughter.) This is an age of newspapers and telegraphs on the land and thro' the sea. (Cheers.) And when these things transpire, there would be no God in heaven if the ballot-box did not condemn such a party in October next. (Cheers.) And you in New York, who think the Democratic party is sold body and breeches to this official despotism, take care lest when November comes you do not find that the Democrats think a good deal more of their principles than they do of their ORGANIZATION. For my part, speaking for Pennsylvania, I am confident, that, on the 13th of October next, when you open the New York Tribune, Herald, and Times, you will see under the telegraphic head, figures like these: "40,000 MAJORITY AGAINST THE LECOMPTON CANDIDATE." (Cheers.) This is the way we will make our mark there—and wherever a Lecomptonite is trotted out, we will try to defeat him, whether "regularly nominated" or not. I am not to be terrified by

this Chinese thunder of organization. (Laughter.) I am willing to combine with ANY GOOD MAN, no matter what is his name, who joins with me to rescue the American name from this odium, and this disgrace. Why, gentlemen, in 1856, to go back to that but for an instant, we would never have secured the vote for Mr. Buchanan if we had not pledged ourselves over head and heels for this doctrine. (Applause.)

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