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TO THE DEMOCRATS AND ALL THE OTHER FRIENDS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND Union in Pennsylvania.

The Democratic State Central Committee address you upon subjects of the gravest moment. The life of our beloved country is in danger. The nation writhes ged ONE DOLLAR, unless the money under the throes of wide-spread civil war. All our wide-spread patriotism; all our wealth; all our physical powers; all of whatever virtue exists in the Republic is invoked, and should be promptly afforded to save the National Constitution and the Union of the States from utter overthrow.

Is there a Pennsylvanian who values the title of American citizen-who reveres the memory of the men of the Revolution-who values civil and religious liberty-who abhors anarchy or despotism -or who claims to possess a manly, patriotic heart, that is not prepared to pledge life, fortune and sacred honor for his country, in this, her hour of greatest need and peril? None can withhold such asa superior NUTRITIOUS BEVERAGE for surances of a just estimate of the importance of preserving the existence of our republican institutions. We approach you with the full conviction that the hearts of the greatest body of the people of Pennsylvania are with their country in this great crisis of her destiny; that all that is needed is to be satisfied of a feasible mode of relief and extrication, and of the most effective organization to combine all the forces that can be applied to speedily and effectually yield the happy fruits of returned peace and prosperity.

To clearly indicate the mode of relief it

would appear to be proper to first determine the cause or causes of our present difficulties. Understanding the causes, it would seem to be in the order of nature. that restoration should follow upon their THIS HOTEL, FORMERLY KNOWN removal. It is not compatible with the as the "Ebensburg House," is one of practical efficiency of an address, such as the oldest and best stands in the borough this, to engage in any elaborate exposiof Ebensburg, for the accommodation of tion or historical account of the gradual progress of antecedent causes, that have at last culminated in the dreadful result we now behold. We shall, therefore, necessarily be brief, and best discharge our purpose by a statement of facts, which you will all recognize as correct, and by the assertion of propositions and conclusions which we maintain cannot be successfully controverted. The troubles that are now upon us are those that the fathers subscriber is prepared to furnish farmers of this country foresaw might arise upon the decay of patriotism, and against which Ploughs, Plough Points, Stoves they undertook to guard by the Constitu-Mill Irons, Threshing Machines | tion of the United States, and the estaband castings of any kind that may be need lishment thereby of what was deemed by them-and has, until recently, proved to be the harmonious action of the States and the Federal Government-in their defined and just relations to each other. Washington, in his farewell address pointed out these dangers: and, above all, indicated, as the evidence of a waning attachment for the Union, and as the precursor of its fall, the creation of sectional parties. It was in view of probable efforts in this direction that he appealed to his countrymen "to indignantly frown upon the first dawning of every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the sacred ties which link together the various parts." Had the countrymen of Washington sufficiently appreciated his patriotic warning, the wide-spread civil war that now afflicts us would never have existed; but, on the contrary, we should, at this time, under the support which a most bountiful Providence is extending to us, be in the enjoyment of a degree of prosperity and happiness (we venture to assert) unequalled in the history of nations. Most unfortunately sectional parties have grown up, begetting sectional bitterness: and already the title of American citizens begins to pale before the invasive progress of such titles as Northerner and

Southerner. Years ago men in the North, then a very insignificant combination, began to assail our Constitution and our Union. This faction, basing its opposition upon a misguided sentimentality in regard to the servitude of the negro race in the Southern States, and allowing that sentimentality to swallow up all true feelings of patriotism, and all duty as citizens, boldly proclaimed their hostility to the Constitution and the Union, which they rightly claimed recognized and was pledged not to invade the all than a Union with slaveholders," beand well known that, proclaiming through rights of the several States unimpaired: patriotic purpose. The resolution above terfering to arrest them -And even the

its leaders their chief object to be "the and that as soon as these objects are acultimate extinction of slavery," it attain- complished the war ought to cease."

Thus were confronted two great secput into execution, succeeded by bare drawal of such States from the American | band. Union as are now banded under the desigcordance with its powers, undertook to resolution, viz: enforce these laws and to demand obediorder to uphold the Constitution and laws, speedily produce the same result. and to maintain the Union. With the rapidity of magic this appeal was rein his inaugural address, had said:

"I have no purpose, directly or indi-I have no inclination to do so." . . .

Resolved, That the present deplorable then and now (in its formidable propor- or established institutions of those States, that has alarmed every loyal man in the lowing these bad examples, have stepped tion without overthrowing our Constitutions) best known as Abolitionists. With- but to defend and maintain the supremacy North, and has forced the conviction that beyond the just limits of their authority tion and the Union; without, in fact, esout dwelling upon the progress and growth of the Constitution, and to preserve the our gallant armies in the field, and the in the same direction, until in several inof this faction, it is too lamentably true Union, with all the dignity, equality, and whole nation, were to be thwarted in their stances you have felt the necessity of in-

ed to such consequence that the people of Thus the faith of the President and aster, it was sought to re-affirm in the the triumph of principle which the people the slaveholding States became alarmed, Congress was pledged to every loyal man present Congress, through a resolution of the Southern States regard as ruinous and began to form counter combinations in the North that the war was to be car- offered by Mr. Helman, of Indiana, in the to them. The effect of these measures to resist the threatened overthrow of what ried on for the Constitution as it is and the. following terms: they claimed to be rights that were inten- Union as it was. Under the inspiration ded to be sacredly guarded by the Consti- of this high, patriotic, and holy purpose tution of the United States. At the same our gallant countrymen have marched time there had existed an insignificant, to the battle-field, keeping step to the time there had existed an insignificant, and of themselves powerless, band of disunionists in one or two of the slaveholding and sufferings that would have utterly ap- cuted for any other purpose than the res- carnestness of those in arms against the States, who seized upon the opportunity palled less patriotic and devoted soldiers. thus afforded by the aggressive action of The enemy, although massed in formidation and welfare of the whole people of the War. Nor do we (permit us to say, Mr. the Abolitionists to stimulate these coun- ble bodies, and supported by an energy, United States, who are permanently in- President, with all respect for you,) agree ter movements. These efforts were too skill, and munitions of war that evinced volved in the preservation of our present that the institution of slavery is "the lever successful; and materials too, for such an increased concentration of sentiment in form of Government, without modification of their power;" but we are of the opinefforts were being continually supplied by behalf of the rebellion, yet, before the or change. the successes of Abolitionists. Abuse and | mighty shock of our arms-inflicted by obloquy against the slaveholder steamed the soldiers of the Union-they for a time tion to lay it upon the table, made by Mr. government, created for common and out from some pulpits in the North, where were vanquished; their forts, towns, and Lovejoy, by the following vote: yeas 60, equal protection to the interests of all, the virus of Abolitionism had been infused. other strongholds were rapidly taken, and, nays 58. Of those who voted to thus will be wielded against the institutions of Retaliatory epithets were indulged in by amid the shouts of the exultant and tri- defeat the resolution, 59 were Republicans | the Southern States. pulpits in the South by the Abolitionists. umphant soldiery who had enlisted for the while every Democrat, excepting one, and Church organizations in the Union were | mere purpose of re-establishing devotion | every border State representative whose | Garret Davis, split up into organizations North and to, and the protection of our proud national vote is recorded, voted in the negative. South. Nominations for the Presidency ensign, the Star-Spangled Banner there In co-operation with this most signifi- J. J. Crittenden, were made upon issues, in fainter or bolder again spread out its folds. At the begin- cant declaration, by the Federal House of Juo. S. Carlile, terms, involving the question of the ex- ning of these successes much attachment | Representatives, we had the military | J. W. Crisfield, istence or limitation of the area of domestic slavery. The decisions of the Supreme people where such successes occurred. It because the for the Union was developed among the formula of Generals people where such successes occurred. It because the first people where such successes occurred. It because the first people where such successes occurred. It because the first people where such successes occurred. Court of the United States were resisted, was hoped and believed that, with a few we had the project of Mr. Summer, in the John S. Phelps, its integrity assailed, and is remodelling more similarly important blows inflicted Senate, to blot out the State governments Francis Thomas, avowed. These were followed by out- upon the rebellion, its force would have of the rebel State, reduce them to a terri- Chas. B. Calvert, breaks, as illustrated by the raid of John | been spent, and that the people of the re- torial condition, and to govern them as | In further prosecution of the emancipa-Brown into Virginia. Meantime the re- bellious States, being assured that the such. Then followed various emancipa- tion project of the Abolitionists we have taliatory and disunion movements in the pledges of the President and Congress tion schemes, and among them the project the proposition to arm and enlist the ne-South, crystalized and proclaimed the would be faithfully observed, would have of confiscation of slaves nominally, but real-gross as soldiers. Indeed, we are information of slaves nominally. monstrous heresy that the Union was but relaxed their efforts in behalf of their by a bill to emancipate them. We cannot ed, from official sources, that one General an alliance of sovereign States, and that usurping government, and that the Union probably better prove the operation of in the army has already organized a full any one of its members might, in the ex- men of the South, and the returning sense such measures upon the Southern mind regiment of negroes. We forbear to disercise of an unlimited sovereignty, which of the inestimable value of the Union to than to quote the following extract from cuss the question, whether such soldiers (?) was claimed for it, withdraw from such all divisions of population there, would the reply of twenty out of twenty-eight are not a burlesque upon the name, and union. This heresy was designated, and complete the restoration of respect and representatives from the Border Slave whether clothing and arming negroes as as we all know, is familiarly called Seces- obedience to the Constitution and laws of States to President Lincoln, in reference | such, besides the waste of clothes, arms ionism, and, under its banner, a great the Federal Government. These hopes to his appeal to them to adopt his project, and other supplies, is not exposing us to and formidable party in the slave States have not been realized, and the explana- that the Federal Government should aid defeat in battle, from the clearly establish tion of this disappointment, in a great de- them with money to pay the master for gree at least, is found in the evidence af- the negro upon his emancipation, viz: tional parties—the Abelitionists North, forded of the terrible fact that the Aobliand the Secessionists South-the very an- tionists in the North are determined that the union of all classes in the insurgent tipodes of each other in their sentiments; the white population of the South shall be States; and while that union lasts the war they met on the common platform of Dis- exterminated or held in subjugation, and union. Each alike tended to overthrow that our Government shall be overthrown, hausted. We know that at the inception the Constitution and the Union. Each and these union of these States finally and of these troubles Southern society was dialike are the enemies of the Republic. forever broken up. Yes; exterminate the vided, and that a large portion, perhaps a to be placed upon an equality of military The Secessionists, claiming to act from whites of the South, or govern them as a majority, were opposed to secession. Now rank with the negro. the apprehension that the threat for "the subjugated people, and overthrow the Go- the great mass of Southern people are uniultimate extinction of slavery" would be vernment and destroy the Union, is their ted. To discover why they are so, we purpose! And we ask your candid con- must glance at Southern society and notice majorites in some cases, and by the more sideration for a moment, until we present the classes into which it has been divided, by the tales of real or imaginary wrongs, efficient organization of probable minori- to you a few points, from which you will and which still distinguish it. They are ties in others, in procuring the adoption of see that the inference is irresistible that in arms, but not for the same object; they ordinances of Secession, or for the with- this is the design of this most disloyal are moved to a common end, but by diff- hands, perpetuate the atrecities of "the

nation of the Confederate States. Ob- early regarded by the Abolitionists as the ly known as the States' rights party, and of which our ancestors complained against taining thus the formal organization of a barriers that stood in the way of negro government, they set at defiance the Con- emancipation. Hence, such Constitution down national independence, and set up them the "merciless Indian savages." ditution and laws of the United States, was by them denounced as a "covenant State domination. With them it is a war and undertook to resist their execution with death and an agreement with hell." within the pretended jurisdiction of this So late as the 15th of June last a portion fighting, as it supposes, to maintain and revolutionary government. The Govern- of the members of this band, at a meet- preserve its rights of property and domes- of rapine, and slaughter of helpless women ment of the United States, in strict ac- ing in Massachusetts, passed a formal tie safety, which it has been made to be-

ence to them; armed resistance was at to the great work of overthrowing slavery, proportions, and for many of its charact that permits slavery on any portion of its as these two classes act together, they teristics of one of the most formidable soil-and we value this war only as we will never assent to a peace. The policy, that ever existed among a civilized people. believe it must lead to emancipation by then, to be pursued is obvious. The for-At its outset, the appeal was made to the order of the Federal authorities, or to a mer class will never be reconciled, but the loyal men of the North to fly to arms, in dissolution of the Union, which must latter may be. Remove their apprehen-

prominent evidences that, from time to this Government is not making war on lilized world would condemn us, and probsponded to with unbounded enthusiasm, time, have been afforded that the Aboli- their rights of property, but is simply deand an armed force of over 700,000 men | tionists had firmly resolved upon the de- fending its legitimate authority, and they stood ready to obey the summons to meet struction of this Government. A few of will gladly return to their allegiance as the foes of the Union. President Luncoln, them are found in the unconstitutional, so soon as the pressure of military dominion der such policy the last spark of Union called, "Personal Liberty Bills" of several imposed by the Confederate authority is States: the repeated declarations of prom- removed from them. rectly, to interfere with the institution of | inent party leaders, even in the last Presislavery in the States where it exists. I dential campaign, (see the speech deliverbelieve I have no lawful right to do so, and ed by Frank P. Blair, at Franklin Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 2d of The Congress of the United States, im- October, 1860, one week before the elecmediately after the battle of Bull Run, in tion, in which he, quoting still higher au- your side to assist you in carrying it on. 8,000,000 of white people there be held, thority, declared that the object of the Re- If the spirit of that resolution had been under our republican form of Government publican party was "the ultimate extine- adhered to we are confident that we should in subjugation? Is it believed that the civil war has been forced upon the country tion of slavery,")-in the avowed deter- before now have seen the end of this de- people of the North can be maddened into by the Disunionists of the Southern mination to resist the decision of the Sa- plorable conflict. But what have we the effort for the extermination of eight States, now in arms against the Constitu- preme Court of the United States, in the seen? In both Houses of Congress we millions of people with whom we have tional Government, and in arms around Dred Scott case, and in such declarations have heard doctrines subversive of the hitherto lived in a Union held together by the capital; that in this national emer- as made by Senator Wade, "a Union principles of the Constitution, and seen fraternal bonds, and most of whom are gency, Congress, banishing all feeling of where all men are equal, or no Union at measure after measure founded in sub- now bound to members of our own popumere passion or resentment, will recollect all." Acting upon this original purpose, stance on those doctrines proposed and lation by the closest ties of consanguinity? control of the States respectively over the only its duty to the whole country; that and upon the conviction that a return to carried through, which can have no other If we were to exhaust all our physical reinstitution of domestic slavery. Disloyal this war is not waged on their part in any Congress of Senators and Representatives effect than to distract and divide loyal sources and all our pecuniary means, declarations, such as "better no Union at spirit of oppression, or for any purpose of from the Southern States would result in men, and exasperate and drive still further could we, if we would, accomplish such conquest or subjugation, or purpose of their political overthrow, the Abolitionists from us and their duty the people of the purpose of extermination? Can we hold came the axiomic dicta of this faction, overthrowing or interfering with the rights in the late Congress have pursued a policy rebellious States. Military officers, fol- the Southern States or people in subjuga-

Resolved, That the unfortunate civil indurated state of Southern feeling. war, into which the Government of the United States has been forced by the trea- from our omission to vote for the resolu-

will never end until they are utterly ex-The Constitution and the Union were ders, who comprehend what was previous and conditions "-barburity in warfareagainst nationality. The other class is lieve are assailed by this Government. Resolved, That as Abolitionists, devoted This latter class are no disunionists per se, sions. Satisfy them that no harm is in-

Twelve months ago both Houses of Congress, adopting the spirit of your message, then but recently sent in, declared folly to suppose otherwise! How then with singular unanimity the objects of the would such fighting bring back the revolwar, and the country instantly bounded to ted States into the Union? Can the

quoted, adopted by Congress in July, passage of the resolution to which you re-1861, immediately after the Bull Run dis- | fer has been ostentatiously proclaimed as was foretold, and may now be seen in the

To these causes, Mr. President, and not ion that "the lever of their power" is the This resolution was defeated by a mo- apprehension that the powers of a common Signed by

C. A. Wicklieff, Chairman. C. L. L. Leary, Edwin H. Webster, H. Mallory, Aaron Harding, James S. Rollins, J. W. Menzies, Thos. L. Price, G. W. Danlap, Wm. A. Hall,

ed fact that the negro is utterly disqualified by nature to stand the musketry and The rebellion derives its strength from artillery fire-not to speak of the bayonet charge—of modern warfare. The subject has infinitely greater proportions when regarded in its effect to discourage enlistments by our own race; resulting from the commendable repugnance of the white man

But not the least objectionable consideration is the fact that this inferior race, having their minds and passions inflamed which Abolitionism is too careful to impart to them, will, with arms in their erent and inconsistent reasons. The lea- indiscriminate slaughter of all ages, sexes is much the lesser class, seek to break Great Britain, who had employed against

The history of negro wars and insurrections in St. Domingo and other West Innia Islands, is replete with the barbarities and infants, that shock the sensibilities of the lowest development of humanity in the white man. And yet, should the negroes they are so only because they have been in the Southern States be employed and once inaugurated on the part of the Seces- we renew and repeat our old pledge, "No made to believe that this administration is armed by the Federal Government against sionists, and thus began a rebellion and Union with Slaveholders." No support inimical to their rights, and is making war the white population, then the atrocities civil war that has become one of gigantic to any Administration or Government upon their domestic institutions. As long of the West India Islands we may naturally expect to be repeated here, on a vastly more extended scale. Against such a fiendish policy would not only the moral sensibilities of all the whites of the Northern States who have not become brutalized by the devilishness of Abolitionism, be It is unnecessary to even specify the tended to them and their institutions; that most painfully shocked, but the whole civably, in the cause of humanity, rise to stop atrocities so disgraceful.

But what sane man can doubt that unsentiment in the South would be extinguished, and the entire Southern populalation become united as one person against the Government? It were the merest