

objects, and steadfastly resisting all attempts to misapply these powers, shall continue honestly to exert them with the single and sacred purpose of sustaining the supremacy of the Constitution, so long will Maryland, impelled by every instinct of interest and affection, unite as ardently as she does to-day in upholding the Union of which she is proud to be the heart.

The sooner that those engaged in this rebellion come to understand that this is the position and unalterable determination of the people of Maryland, the better will it be for all concerned.

There is good reason to believe that much mischief has been already done, many groundless hopes injuriously excited, and the rebellion itself stimulated or encouraged by the grossest delusions existing abroad in reference to the condition of popular sentiment in Maryland. It may be useless to speculate upon the circumstances which have led to this delusion; the one perhaps which, more than any other, has contributed to it, and caused those at a distance to conceive that the public sentiment of our State sympathized with this rebellion, has grown out of the prominent position, political or personal, which those who really did so sympathize have occupied or assumed. The State Legislature, usually supposed to reflect the popular will, would have indicated that three-fourths of our people, six months ago, united in this sympathy; yet with the exception of those who represented the city of Baltimore, and who, five days after the April mob, were elected without the notice required by the Constitution, every member of that Legislature was elected, as we all know, more than a year before South Carolina passed her ordinance of Secession; and so far from that Body having ever been an index of Maryland sentiment, that sentiment, on the first opportunity, has vindicated itself, not only by the unprecedented vote it has put on record, but, by a result hardly less remarkable, that, with the single exception of one faithful Union member, it has not left in your popular branch one of those elected at the times referred to.

The people of other States have been misled as to the true position of Maryland, not merely by the declarations and proceedings of those who as delegates were naturally supposed to faithfully represent her, but the activity, the pursuits, the social prominence and business relations of those of her people who espoused the Disunion cause, added to their ceaseless and persistent efforts, have given to their action, especially with those at a distance, an apparent importance which their numbers never justified. They themselves almost seemed to fancy that, as the assumed representatives of a social class, they outweighed the old fashioned power of numbers, and