

To the Christian Voters residing in Washington County, State of Maryland.

Highly respected fellow citizens,—

“Venienti occurrere morbo.”

Oppose the threatened disorder!

I am as decidedly opposed now to the confirmation by the next General Assembly, as I was during the late session of the present one, to the passage of the act, which has been published for your serious consideration, bearing on its front the insidious title “An Act to extend to all the citizens of Maryland the same civil rights and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the Constitution of the United States.”

Messrs. T. Kennedy, Kellar, and Drury, who zealously supported said act at the last session, have lately presented themselves to your view in public prints, as candidates for your votes at the approaching election, with sanguine expectation (no doubt) of success. It was not (believe me fellow citizens) my intention, to have again appeared before you as a candidate for a seat in General Assembly, having arrived at the advanced age of three score years and ten: but, as to retreat at so very important a crisis, might be considered by you as desertion, should you be disposed to elect me as one of your delegates to the next General Assembly, I will most unquestionably serve as such, and I will, in that event vote in point blank opposition to the confirmation, as I did at the late session, to the passage of said (in my judgment) highly exceptionable act; and which I hold to be no more nor less, than an attempt to undervalue and by so doing, to bring into popular contempt the christian religion.

Preferring, as I do, Christianity to Judaism, Deism, Unitarianism, or any other sort of new fangled ISM, I deprecate any change in our state government, calculated to afford the least chance to the enemies of Christianity, of undermining it, in the belief of the great body of the people of Maryland. What could not heretofore be effected by Hooke, it seems, is now attempting to be done by Crooke.

Yours respectfully,

BENJAMIN GALLOWAY.

Hagers-town, Washington county, }  
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