

of the constitution were passed by the last General Assembly, it is necessary to their confirmation as a part of the Constitution, that you should act upon them at the present session.

And as the act of Congress, providing for the deposite with the States of the Surplus Revenue of the United States, requires that legal provision shall be made by each State for receiving her proportion thereof, and giving the required obligation for its return when legally called for, before receiving any part of said surplus, and as the distribution is to commence on, or soon after the first day of January next, we recommend the passage of a law in conformity to the requirements of the act of Congress: a copy of which, with a circular from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, we herewith submit for your consideration.

Reform of the Constitution, having been held forth by the recusant Electors as their *ostensible* object in the course of conduct pursued by them and their abettors, our views upon that subject are perhaps justly and properly expected.

In an address to the people of the State, the recusant Electors undertook to defend their attempt to subvert the Constitution by Revolutionary means, upon the unfounded assumption that all hope of adequate amendment, or, in the cant, various meaning, and undefined phrase of the day—*Reform*, by the Constitutional method, are vain and illusory; and they quoted, with a view to support their assumption of right to pursue the course they had adopted and recommended to their co adjutors, from our Bill of Rights, the unquestionable truth “that whenever the ends of Government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought, to reform the old or establish a new Government.” But they omitted all attempt to show that these circumstances had occurred, or, that they were the *people*, or even the Representatives of any part of them, *for such a purpose*.

What are the *ends of Government*? The security of life, liberty and property, may be the brief but comprehensive answer; and we state with honest pride, and in the fullest confidence, that in no community have these