

duty of your Honor to pronounce the decision of that question.

We and the country will be gratified to have your decision on that point. The settlement of this question would restore the State to that condition of peace and quietness which once existed, and to which all of its citizens have been looking forward with fond hopes and expectations. God grant that it may soon arrive. The Maryland of to-day is not the Maryland of his youth. May our beloved State become what it has been in the past, the home of chivalric citizens and of women, beautiful and pure, the latter uncontaminated by politics, and removed from its debasing influences. He wished never to see a woman with a political newspaper in her hand. Our beloved State, freed from the unhappy excitements of politics, may go in the prosperous career which awaits the efforts of its people.

Mr. Schley's remarks upon this subject, or rather his beautiful apostrophe to the spirit of liberty, concord and social harmony, was uttered with a degree of enthusiasm and eloquence that he said he felt called upon to excuse himself to his Honor for having been, in the excitement of the moment, led into observations perhaps foreign to the subject of his argument.

REMARKS OF MR. RODGERS.

Mr. Rodgers said he had been requested by the State's Attorney to request his Honor, in rendering his opinion in this case, to state the grounds upon which his decision is based, so that he could be governed thereby in any future action which he might be required to take. He said, if these gentlemen are discharged, and they should assume to act as before their commitments, and which action the State's Attorney thought was ground for their arrest, and which no doubt would lead to a breach of the peace, he would again be compelled to renew the application to the Criminal Court, to place them again under arrest. The law of habeas corpus, he knew, would not allow a party, when discharged, to be arrested again for the same offence, and therefore they wanted to have grounds upon which the decision of the Court was based, accurately based.

Mr. Latrobe.—You had better wait until the decision is rendered, then you can take measures for your action. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

Orville Horwitz, Esq., said it would be equally gratifying to the counsel for petitioners if his Honor would, in his written opinion, state the grounds of his decision.

Judge Bartol said, in view of the magnitude of the interests involved in the case, he would take time to carefully consider his opinion, and would give it in writing on Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock, in the Superior Court room.