

time give more symmetry to our Constitution.

We submit herewith, for your consideration, a communication from the Honorable Nicholas Price, Chief Judge of Baltimore City Court, which states the necessity of the revision of our Criminal Code, which from the importance of the suggestions it contains, deserves your serious consideration.

Considerable excitement prevails at this time throughout the Country in relation to a contemplated change in the present Tariff of duties upon foreign importations. This excitement is the natural consequence of our free institutions, which properly impose no restraint upon the freedom of speech or the liberty of the press. In a Country extensive as is ours, embracing every variety of climate, coped of almost every production, and filled with an enterprising, skilful population, doubling itself in less than a quarter of a Century, we must expect considerable diversity of views, and contentions among its citizens in relation to the measures to be adopted by the Government for the promotion and protection of the general interests of the Country.

In discussing the measures of the National Government we should always bear in mind that the Constitution itself was founded in compromise, and that excellent as it is acknowledged to be, it requires great moderation, forbearance and liberality on the part of the people toward the conflicting views, feelings, and even prejudices, each other, to preserve and perpetuate its blessings.

Confining by the peculiar nature of our Government to measures of domestic policy, and external policy, operating only within the limits of our own State, whilst the great and leading interests of the Country, of which we are a component part, is committed to the management of a separate authority, embracing the whole Union in the sphere of its action, we do not deem it necessary to descend to particulars in the expression of our opinions of measures over which we have no control. But with the fullest reliance on the integrity, talents and experience of the functionaries to whom those great interests are entrusted, we rest with active confidence that they will continue to be, as they have heretofore been, managed as to promote the general interests and prosperity of the Country, and secure to us all the blessings and advantages which our incomparable System of Government was designed to secure and perpetuate.

During the past year, we have been favoured with abundant productions of the earth, and a general prevalence of health throughout the Country. Grateful for these blessings, let us look to him with thankfulness, who, in his beneficence bestowed them, and who formed and can influence the human mind to direct our attention to such public measures as may be best calculated to promote the real and substantial interests, and prosperity of the State. In all measures calculated to promote those ends, you will, assuredly, have our prompt and zealous co-operation.

With the highest respect

We have the honor to be  
Your Obedt. Servt.

Jos. Kent.