

would be searched in vain for a case of such a plain and palpable violation of Constitutional duty, and moral obligation, as the conduct of the recusant Electors of the State of Maryland exhibits; and although all who have approved of their unwholy designs, and lent their aid and assistance to carry them into effect, have been guilty of gross dereliction of the duty of good Citizens, it is only those who counselled, bequiled and misled them to the course they pursued that equal them in degree of guilt.

A painful sense of duty, having required us to denounce the conduct of the recusant Electors and their abettors, in terms suited to the nature and design of their offences, it is with the greatest satisfaction that we turn from them to do Justice to the patriotic and noble conduct of many of their political partizans. In some parts of the State, and particularly in Allegany County, the party to which they belong, almost with one voice, condemned, and from the first reprobated their conduct, with as much severity as their political opponents have done; and we believe this has been the case with a very respectable portion of their political friends, in every part of the State. Such patriotic conduct, breaking, and rising above all party trammels, in favor of the Constitution and Government - the tranquility and welfare of the State was endangered, merits all praise, and meets our unequalled admiration. And we have great gratification in expressing the highest confidence inspired by manifestations and evidences in every quarter of the State, that when the recent excitements shall have passed away and reason shall have triumphed over the passions of party, and resumed her empire that the number even of the political partizans of the recusant Electors who will continue to countenance and support them in their delinquency and Revolutionary designs and proceedings, will be comparatively very few, and be confined to such of their prominent counsellors and principal abettors as will have no hope of re-establishing themselves in the good opinion and confidence of the Community. We will not allow ourselves to doubt that, even amongst the recusants themselves, there will be found some whose honesty and patriotism will finally triumph over their misguided passions, and cause them to look back upon their late conduct with mingled astonishment and shame and the most profound abhorrence of the willful advisers by whom they were led astray.

As soon as the recusant Electors had taken their course, it became the duty of the Executive, and indeed of all good Citizens, to inform themselves of the Constitutional and best means of defeating their designs and supporting the Constitution and Government, and providing a remedy for their dereliction of duty. Upon examination of the Constitution and form of Government, with this view, we found cause of increased admiration of the wisdom and forecast of the patriotic and eminent Statesmen by whom it was framed. We found that

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