

justice; but if there be treason in the Jury box, or else where she will seek no more verdicts over the blood of her murdered citizens, but look for rears to herself & her sister states, in the south - I regard the issue, therefore, as fraught with the most serious & momentous consequences. But I have faith that the same spirit, which animated young Mr. Thompson, the States Attorney for Lancaster County, to go himself the moment he heard of the murder to the scene & cause every suspected individual to be arrested, even at the hazard of censure on himself & which has led him on without pausing or faltering in his lofty patriotism, or his love of Justice, until now the responsibility has been transferred to the United States officers. That the spirit which equally sustained Alderman Reigart in his difficult & responsible position, & which brought to the aid of the prosecution, the mild, but firm & decided character of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania, who nobly volunteered to take his place against treason & murder, that the same spirit which has passed like an electric spark through the patriotic breasts of the people of Lancaster City will prevail & spread, until prejudice & sectional feelings shall disappear from that Jury-box whence it is to emanate a verdict for or against the Union.

My trust is, that whilst innocence shall be shielded, there will be a speedy & condign punishment of those guilty traitors, who, stained with the blood of an innocent man, have struck a fratricidal blow at our existence as a nation.

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Very Respectfully, Yours
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