

to me. The application was readily acceded to, by the Federal Government. I likewise employed the Hon. James Cooper, (United States Senator from Pennsylvania, a distinguished lawyer and statesman, and a friend of constitutional right,) as assistant counsel. Thus represented, Maryland made her appearance at the bar of the public justice of the United States, and before a Pennsylvania Jury: claiming, not the worthless breath of individual traitors, but the vindication of the chartered rights of the South, which had been trampled down in the blood of her own citizens. Maryland stood there, and plead for the Constitution, through the wounds of her murdered son. The result is before us. The peace-loving, the Union-loving, the law-abiding State of Maryland has failed to secure justice. Although, she is a border State, and is, practically, more interested in this fugitive slave law, than all other States beside, nevertheless has she admonished South Carolina against secession, and cheered on Virginia in the ways of loyalty. Although, she would never have entered this Confederacy, (as every instructed man well knows,) without the insertion in the Federal Constitution of the very clause, for the enforcement of which the fugitive slave law was passed, nevertheless, has she patiently, and almost uncomplainingly, stood by, and witnessed the treasonable assaults upon the Constitution, made by Abolitionists, in and out of Congress. When Kennedy was murdered, she was passive. When Gorsuch was murdered, she spoke, through her Executive only. She has been mild as the dove, and gentle as the lamb. How far she is to become the derision of her sister States, it will be for you, gentlemen, to determine. I do not hesitate, nay, it is my sworn duty to speak the truth to you, and to say, that, the trial of Castner Hanway was a farce, which only added new insult to old injury. The offensive manner in which that trial was conducted, by subaltern officers, the manifestations of the rebel sympathizers, and the extraordinary decision of the Court, will more fully appear to you, by reference to the lucid and powerful report of the Attorney General, herewith transmitted. This judicial exposition of the law of treason, as applied in Hanway's case, utterly annihilates the fugitive slave act, if there was ever anything of substance in it susceptible of annihilation. It lays down the extraordinary doctrines that, the criminal must be shown to have had actual knowledge of the law, which he has violated, before he can be declared guilty of treason; and that, the fugitive slave act is a private remedy, and not in the nature of a public general law, armed resistance to which would amount to levying war against the Government. These are the practical deductions from the charge of Judge Grier; and will apply to all other probable cases, as well as to that of Hanway. I state them broadly, as they may certainly be expected to operate hereafter. If Hanway's offence was not treason, then, no resistance to the fugitive slave act, henceforth, can be brought within the law of treason. Any one must see, at a single glance, that, if this decision stands, the fugitive slave act is a mocke-