

ry and a delusion. If this be the law, then, why were those trials undertaken? *Cui bono?* Was it to smooth over an unprecedented outrage with soft phraseologies, and the formalities of legal routine? This cannot be supposed. It is proper here to remark that, the Jurors stand blameless, because the charge of the Court prohibited a conviction. Neither will I question the integrity of the Judges, by ascribing to them any but the most correct motives, however fallacious their decision may be, through which the blood of Gorsuch has gone unrecognized, and the Constitution of the country unvindicated. That decision has closed the doors of the United States' Courts; and the violaters of the law have gone back to Lancaster county, to answer the charge of murder, before Juries of their own neighborhood, and the Judges of their own local tribunals. How far Pennsylvania may yet succeed in wiping from her ancient escutcheon the foul dishonor, I shall not venture to predict. But, it is time, Representatives of Maryland, that you should make it known, by positive measures, that the blood of your constituents shall not be shed by mobs, in the face of the sun, and the Constitution of your fathers, without a justification, or a remedy. You should leave no lawful and constitutional power unused, to bring home to recreant States the force of your displeasure. Although a decided majority of the people of Pennsylvania may be, and doubtlessly are, in favor of the right; yet, they will be held accountable for the treason and murders perpetrated by their fanatics, whose lawless violence they fail to suppress or punish. No people can plead innocence, who stand by as passive spectators of crimes committed within their jurisdiction. They are bound to enforce the right; else, we hold them guilty of the wrong. Let that Commonwealth be distinctly given to understand that, henceforth, words will give place to acts. You owe it to your honor; it is necessary to your peace; it is essential to your domestic security. Heretofore, the cry of "*peace, peace, when there is no peace,*" has had the effect to embolden your assailants; who have learned to believe that, your indignant denunciations are mere occasional explosions of light wrath,—mere elevations of the "*Southern safety-valve,*" as they have insultingly termed it. Beware, that your State does not become a mockery! Remember, that of all the bitter curses, which can afflict nations, a border warfare is the most direful. Consider the likelihood of that result, springing from the exasperated feelings of friends, relatives, and neighbors, when they gaze upon the mangled remains of such men as Edward Gorsuch, who may hereafter be butchered, as he was, in the exercise of a Constitutional Right. Do not shut your eyes to the pregnant truth that, human reason will master human passions, only so long as Hope points to relief by lawful means. Firmness, now, is patriotism. Candor, now, is wisdom. It may be too late, hereafter. With an abiding confidence, in the mercy of Providence, whose fatherly eye hath watched over the infancy of this Republic, I commit to your prudent counsels this momentous sub-