

of by desperate men or unfortunate maniacs. I would appeal to the gallant Carolinians and point them to the battle fields upon their soil, where the toil of the patriots of '76 was endured, where heroic deeds were performed, and where the best blood of the country was spilt to purchase that Independence and that Union, which is now spoken of so lightly." I would then ask them, what will the feelings of that heroic individual be, who flew to aid us, from a foreign land, in the days of our adversity and first put his foot upon the soil of Carolina when he shall hear that the beautiful fabric of liberty, which he aided in erecting, is about to be torn down, and the fond hope that a people can govern themselves shall be dispelled. That a Merciful Providence may prevent such a consequence, and that the people of Carolina may retrace their steps, should be the earnest prayer of every good citizen of this yet happy and now wide extended Union.

Our country, during the past Autumn, has experienced an irreparable loss, in the decease of the venerable Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last of that fearless band of patriots, who proclaimed our Independence. The last star, in that bright galaxy of liberty and Union, is blotted out forever. The last of those conscript patriots who, "in the times which tried men's souls," pledged "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honors," to perpetuate that independence, which they had so fearlessly proclaimed, has been gathered to the home of his fathers. He had lived to see us manfully and successfully resisting the oppression and tyranny of an English Ministry. He had lived to see us engaged in a second war with that same power, not only without tarnishing, but which resulted in greatly augmenting our national glory. He had lived to see our numerous and diversified resources rapidly developing under the guidance of our National Legislature. He had lived to see us marching with gigantic strides to the attainment of the legitimate objects of government—the prosperity and happiness of the people. He had lived to see us attain the foremost rank among the nations of the earth, and the influence of our example overturning thrones and despotic institutions, and establishing liberty and the rights of man upon their ruins; and his heart gladdened at the bright and glorious prospects of his country, and at the stability of that edifice which he had laboured to erect.

But he had likewise lived to see our glorious Union lose that reverence in which, until recently, it was universally