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RECONCILIATION OF THE 'LIBERTY PARTY.'

GROTON, March 13th, 1842.

DEAR FRIENDS:
No task could be to me more unpleasant than that which I undertake, in writing this letter; for, in it I am to become, in the estimation of a multitude of those I fondly love, very inconsistent, if not utterly odious.

Against all my efforts to avoid it, I find myself at the present time, (as I have been for some weeks,) fully convinced that the 'Liberty Party' of the abolitionists is premature—that we can never succeed, in any great extent, in promoting abolition through the agency of that party, under its present auspices.

With these trifling remarks, I close.
Very truly, yours for freedom,
J. N. TUCKER.

OLD COLONY A. S. SOCIETY.

DEAR GARRISON:

I shall leave it to you to inform your readers, that our late anti-slavery meeting was very numerously attended, and that the spirit of the meeting was high-spirited, &c. The following are the resolutions—all of which were passed without dissent.

Resolved, That if we are justly called upon to eulogize Washington and the patriots of the revolution, for encountering a seven years' war to maintain their rights, much more are we bound to applaud their courage, the heroism of Madison Washington and his comrades on board the Creole, who, to obtain their liberty, threw off a yoke of oppression, one hour of which, to use the language of Mr. Jefferson, 'was fraught with more misery than age and death which our fathers rose in rebellion to oppose.'

Resolved, That, under God, nothing but the thunder of the popular voice will save the freedom of this Union from the egregious inconsistency, the flagrant crime of fighting against liberty, for the perpetual right of tyrants over helpless slaves.

Resolved, That we do hereby call upon our fellow-citizens of the Old Colony of Massachusetts, of all the free States, to declare, in one accord with us, that if the horrid conflict does ensue, our government must expect no aid, no countenance from this quarter, but may be assured that we of the North shall do all that we may, by moral means, to discourage and paralyze those who would go to enforce the wrong.

Resolved, That the letter of instructions to Edward Everett, the American Minister to the Court of St. James, written by DANIEL WEBSTER, the American Secretary of State, in behalf of the national Cabinet, demanding the surrender of the self-manicured captives of the Creole, that they may be tried and punished as 'mutineers and murderers,' for having successfully imitated the example of Washington, and the heroes of 1776, in rising against their merciless oppressors, is, in a legal point of view, disgraceful to the intellect of its author, and utterly defective, and, in the light of humanity and justice, unnatural and monstrous; and, on the ground of republicanism and Christianity, to be regarded with righteous indignation and strong abhorrence—that, in consenting to pen and to endorse that letter, Mr. WEBSTER has betrayed the sacred cause of liberty, and the interests of our country—basely bowed the knee again to the dark spirit of slavery—and forfeited the respect and confidence, not only of the people of Massachusetts, but of the friends of impartial liberty throughout the world.

Resolved, That, in view of the declarations on the subject of slavery, made by EDWARD EVERETT, during the last canvass for his election to the gubernatorial chair of this Commonwealth, we have reason to expect that he will disobey the instructions given in the letter of the Secretary of State, respecting the 'Creole'; and that, if he shall not dare to act on the high ground of republican consistency and Christian attitude, by either refusing to obey those instructions, or by returning his official credentials to the government which has sent him to England, he will win for himself imperishable renown, and secure the applause of a regenerated world.

Resolved, That the high, independent, dauntless stand taken by the Hon. JOHN Q. ADAMS, on the Right of Petition, and the valorous defence he has made of that Right on the floor of Congress, add new laurels to his venerable brow; and deserves the most grateful acknowledgments, not only of his immediate constituents, but of the whole people of this Commonwealth, and of all the free States. And it is incumbent upon all, who would preserve our country from utter condemnation, and swift destruction, to rally around this champion of one of our fundamental Rights.

A number of gentlemen addressed the meeting in support of this resolution—the venerable Seth Sprague, who moved it; and Messrs. Bradburn, Garrison, Collins, Davis, James and May. It was passed unanimously.

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