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REFUGE OF OPPRESSION.

THE FIRST GREAT BLOW.

We shall recognize the court, and thus reform its political sentiments and practices. These are the sharp ringing words, used by that arch agitator, William H. Seward, in his recent speech in the United States Senate, in relation to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The mad and malignant annual denunciations of the Constitution of the United States by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society have heretofore had a tremendous effect. We have passed them by like the bill-wind which we regarded not.

But now, when, in this ringing declaration in the Senate chamber of Governor Banks, we add the fact that the first official blow at the independence of the judiciary in this Commonwealth; when, we say, we add the great fact that Governor Banks, an aspirant for national honors, has done this at the dictation of the Anti-Slavery Society, and in opposition to the expressed sentiments of some of the more conservative men in his own party.

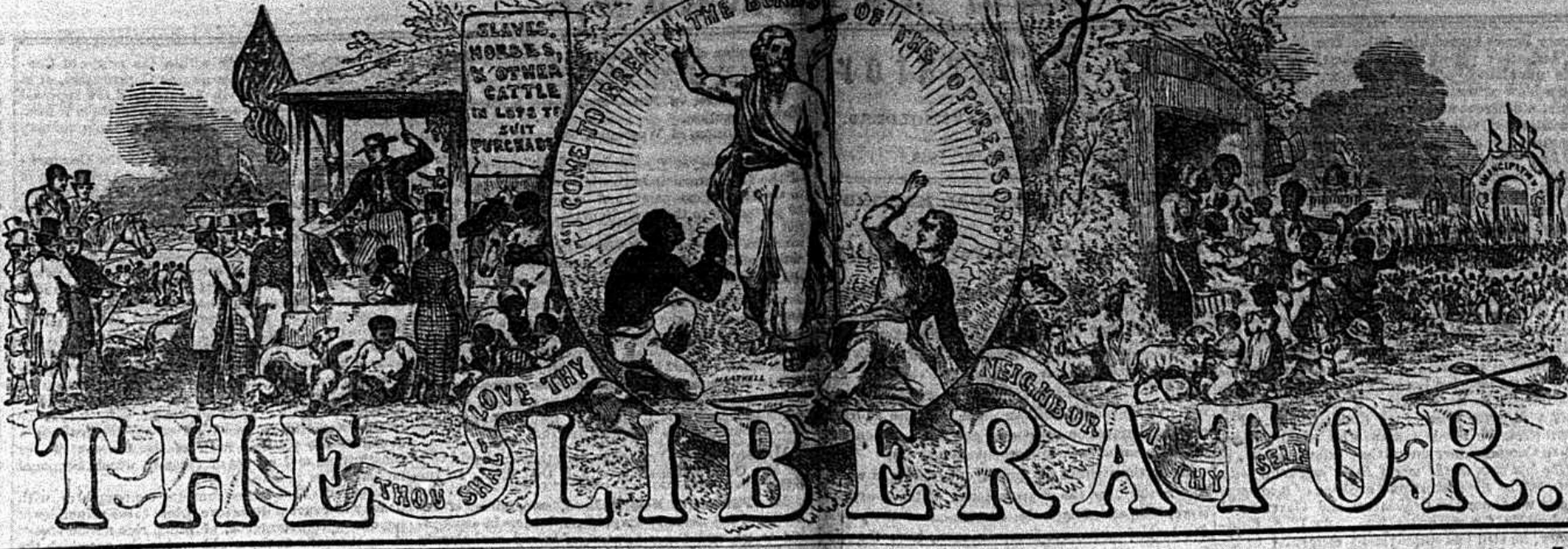
It is idle, in this matter, to cry peace, for there is no peace. The war is actually begun. The declaration of hostilities has been formally, deliberately, solemnly announced in the Senate of the United States, and from the executive chair of the Commonwealth.

The journals, from all parts of the country, come freighted with the severest condemnation of the high-handed act of the removal of Judge Loring. It is uttered by all parties; and the removal is justly viewed as one of those demagogic acts which urgently call for rebuke.

The New York Times, Republican, says - "This act of Governor Banks is the grossest attack upon the independence of the judiciary ever witnessed in the United States. It will long maintain, as we trust, its bad eminence."

The New York Times, Republican, says - "The Massachusetts Legislature has at length found a Governor subservient enough to remove Judge Loring. Mr. Banks has done an act from which Governor Gardner shrunk back ashamed."

The Detroit Free Press says - "The intensest fanaticism on this continent resides in the State of Massachusetts. A few years since, it refused to tolerate Daniel Webster in Faneuil Hall. Its idols are Garrison and Phillips and Theodore Parker. Just now, it has prevailed in the House of Representatives, by a vote of 127 against 101, in carrying an 'address' to the Governor, sak-



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The free States are the guardians and essential supports of slavery. We are the jailers and executors of the institution. There is some excuse for communists, when, under a generous impulse, they espouse the cause of the oppressed in other States, and by force restore their rights; but they are without excuse in aiding other States in binding on men an unrighteous yoke.

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of attending to the quiet and peaceable administration of their duties. As we understand the case, Judge Loring had a full opportunity of retaining the office of Judge of Probate, had he chosen to give up the office of U. S. Commissioner; and if he desired to be a martyr in a bad cause and in behalf of the Slave Power, he had no cause more plain. Doubtless he will have his reward. Whether his removal was caused by the part he took in the Burns affair or not, is of but little consequence. He has had ample time to place himself in a position where he could not be called upon to disgrace the State in a similar case, and he has steadily refused. Gov. Banks has done just what a large majority of the people of the State expected him to do, when they gave him their votes, and if the people of other States and the traitors and disunionists of the South do not like it, we can only say we did not expect they would, and we did not vote for Gov. Banks to please them. If, however, all the Southern States intend to resent the act by statutes of non-intercourse with Massachusetts, according to the recommendation of the Richmond papers, it becomes to be sure a more serious matter, and we will try to look grave; but, for the life of us, we fear we shall not be able to keep our risibilities in subject when the plan is carried out, any better than when it was first suggested.

CASE OF JUDGE LORING.

Instead of grumbling and growling over the recent removal of Judge Loring, by the Governor and General of Massachusetts, from his office of Judge of Probate for Suffolk County, as an attack upon the independence of the judiciary, the N. Y. Times, The Washington Union, and other discredited papers, would do well to see in it - what it really is - a fresh indication of the unextinguishable disgust of the people of Massachusetts with the Fugitive Slave Law, and especially with the miserable spirit of doughface subserviency which led Judge Loring to consent to act as one of its courtiers. In this point of view, his removal ought to appear, especially in this particular crisis, as an extremely reasonable warning; and there are, at this moment, several persons at Washington from Northern States, to whose cases it is particularly well suited, and upon whom we hope it will not be lost.

To attempt to convert Judge Loring into a political martyr, is totally to misunderstand or misappreciate the whole circumstances and history of his case. It is a martyr to slave-catching - nothing more. Instead of appealing to the public to bestow upon him the praise which, having lost his office of Judge of Probate, he might regard as rather empty - of a magistrate who prefers to lose his State office rather than to disregard the law, it would be more to the purpose to urge his claims to the usual reward and consolation of doughface - a good Federal berth. In some such berth, we have good little doubt, if he will presently find him and consolation for his wounded sensibilities, and ample indemnity for all his pecuniary sacrifices.

Unquestionably, it was the connection of Judge Loring with the matter of the rendition of Burns, under the Fugitive Slave Law, that led to the loss on his part, some time since, of the office of Law Professor at Cambridge, and now of the office of Judge of Probate. But it is absurd to attempt to represent one of these acts, any more than the other, as an attack upon the independence of the judiciary. The rendition of Burns was not a judicial act. The rendition of Burns was not a judicial act. The rendition of Burns was not a judicial act.

These things unfit a man for any judicial station, and hence whatever can be said of his conduct merely as Judge of Probate, we hold that his behavior in the other judicial capacity was reprehensible to the last degree, and for this reason he is not worthy to be clothed with the robe of a Judge. We have no doubt that Mr. Loring himself is calmly reviewing his course with regret, and he may have repented, as Ex-Governor Morton suggests, but he manifests no signs of repentance, and can therefore claim no forgiveness. We wish to call the attention of the Advertiser and of the public to one point further, and then let them decide how far Mr. Loring is entitled to sympathy. In giving his decision in the Burns case, he said that it was not for him to decide questions of the constitutionality or the harshness of the Fugitive Slave Act, but that it was his business to apply the law. Mr. Loring said: -

"I think the statute constitutional, and it remains for me now to apply it to the facts in the case." We commend the chalice mixed by Mr. Loring to his own lips. Three successive Legislatures have said, and now Gov. Banks has said, that that part of the Personal Liberty Bill under which Mr. Loring is removed is in their judgment constitutional, and it only remained for them to apply it to the facts in the case. They have done it, and the slave-plotter says "Amen!" - well says Mr. Loring now? To talk about nullifying for the benefit of slavery - but it has no foundation in truth, in law, or in statesmanship. The Post thinks the patriotism and intelligence of Massachusetts will condemn the removal of Judge Loring - we are confident that it will do so long delayed, but we think that the Post was and desirably done. It may be that the Post was and desirably done. It may be that the Post was and desirably done.

Boston State House is the hub of all creation. You could not pry that out of a Boston man, if you had the tire of all creation straightened out for a crowbar! We believe in the people, equally those who live out of Boston as well as those who live in it, and the voice of Massachusetts, when it is heard in the rendition of its verdict on the removal of Mr. Loring, will utter but one emphatic word, and that will be to re-echo the language of Mr. Andrew: "The deed is done - it was well done - and it was done quickly."

THE GREAT AWAKENING.

How comes there to be a great awakening? This question was answered a great while before it was asked. It was answered expressly that it might not be asked by other parties, and answered differently.

experienced leader, and after a long interval of engagement in other, and very different, concerns—when the pendulum is ready to swing back again—must, as a matter of course, be successful with a certain proportion of the persons in question. This is the natural result of such a concert and concentration of labor.

the shedding of blood. Every one has fallen short of attaining the better character, or the higher and purer life, to which he aspired. This fact helps him to believe the assertion, that such failure is inevitable, and that therefore he had better direct his efforts towards securing for himself the 'imputation' of the perfect obedience rendered, eighteen centuries ago, by Jesus.

JUDGE LORING'S DEFENCE. To the Inhabitants of the County of Suffolk. Having been removed from the Probate Court of the County of Suffolk, by the Governor of the State, on his allegation that I had disobeyed a constitutional statute, I seek to remove from my conduct an imputation made serious by the official position of my accuser.

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