

fied forms, and enabling each and every man *irrespective of color*, to enjoy as God intended, the fruits of his own personal labor. The sons of honest toil, the farmer, the mechanic and the manufacturer will be elevated in the scale of humanity. Free and untrammelled—with the avenues of wealth, power, and distinction open to all classes of the white race, every one, whether native or naturalized, becomes the peer of every other man—nay, even of the proudest aristocrat, who will have either to content himself with the daily contact of the things he loathes or seek other more congenial climes for the enjoyment of the peculiar blessings of an institution, which in its mad efforts to discredit free labor and free institutions has destroyed itself.

This change alone, of itself, will more than compensate the people of Maryland for all their trials and sufferings. As a central State her future is most auspicious, bringing with it wealth, prosperity and population, the sure concomitants of free labor. She will henceforth begin to experience the truth of her motto "*Crescite et multiplicamini*," and, with the increase of her people, I hope the love she has ever manifested for the Union and Constitution will be strengthened, purified and intensified.

Permit me, gentlemen, in conclusion to express my thanks for your emphatic approval of my official course, for your courteous and kind deportment at all times, and in bidding you *farewell*, to renew my wishes for the prosperity and happiness of each individual member of this Convention.

*I do now proclaim* this Convention adjourned, in accordance with a resolution heretofore adopted.

Attest:

WILLIAM R. COLE, Secretary.