

It is believed that the annals of party contention, and political errors and aberrations from duty, to which all party spirit naturally tends, would be searched in vain for a case of such plain and palpable violation of Constitutional duty and moral obligation, as the conduct of the recusant Electors of the Senate of Maryland exhibits; and although all who have approved of their unholy designs, and lent their aid and assistance to carry them into effect, have been guilty of gross dereliction and violation of the duty of good citizens, it is only those who counseled, beguiled and misled them to the course they pursued, that equal them in degree of guilt.

A painful sense of duty having required of us to denounce the conduct of the recusant electors and their abettors, in terms suited to the nature and design of their offences, it is with the greatest satisfaction that we turn from them to do justice to the patriotic and noble conduct of many of their political partizans. In some parts of the State, and particularly in Allegany county, the party to which they belong, almost with one voice condemned, and, from the first, reprobated their conduct, with as much severity as their political opponents have done; and we believe this has been the case with a very respectable portion of their political friends in every part of the State. Such patriotic conduct, breaking and rising above all party trammels, when the constitution and government—the tranquility and welfare of the state were endangered, merits all praise, and meets our unqualified admiration. And we have great gratification in expressing the highest confidence, inspired by manifestations and evidences in every quarter of the State, that when the recent excitements shall have passed away, and reason shall have triumphed over the madness of party, and resumed her empire, that the number even of the political partizans of the recusant electors, who will continue to countenance and support them in their delinquency, and Revolutionary designs and proceedings, will be comparatively very few, and be confined to such of their prominent counsellors and principal abettors as will have no hope of re-establishing themselves in the good opinion and confidence of the community. We will not allow ourselves to doubt, that even among the recusants themselves, there will be found some, whose honesty and patriotism will finally triumph