

The Necessity of Maintaining Great Principles.

Men may and do honestly differ in opinion concerning issues, section, the propriety of an independent state of the South, the equality of white & colored, and a thousand other subjects of importance to the well-being of the Nation. But there are certain great principles that demand recognition from every loyal citizen—principles that must be honored & upheld—principles that dare not be violated. The only safe and wise division would be the Northern people, who have no slaves, and the Southern people, who have slaves. The principles of the North demand that the Constitution of the United States shall remove the negroes of the land, and that the war for the Union shall be conducted in strict conformity with the principles of justice & humanity. The principles distinguished for battle of the Union, is not that the law of "freedom" shall have the place of the Constitution, and by virtue of this usurped law, the slaves shall be liberated and let loose upon the country.

Now we are opposed to such policy, not only because it would exist nothing but rebellion, but because it would undermine and destroy our whole system of Government. The States of this Union have the absolute right under the Constitution to secede from the Federal confederacy—and the Federal Government is prohibited from meddling with them. We may have no slaves for slavery, and may desire its abolition; but it is entirely beyond our control; and we cannot afford to risk the safety of the Federal Government without at the same time destroying the right of each State to decide for itself as to the character of its own institutions—without, in fact, revolutionizing our whole system of government. The Constitution is the bulwark of our cause. It is the shield of the Government that we are now fighting to put down rebellion. The treason of the Southern States is against the Constitution, aagainst the individuals who temporally administered the affairs of Government. They are not only traitors, but traitors and traitors in the Constitution, but we do not swear allegiance to the President of the United States, or to Congress. We swear to uphold certain prescribed principles of government, and not to obey laws that interfere with the more exalted principles of the Constitution. What if it could promote the war to put down rebellion against the Constitution? Why, in such a case, those intrusted with the administration of the Government would themselves become the greatest rebels and traitors.

We put the case in this way merely for the purpose of illustration, with little fear that the President will ever prove so recreant to the great trust committed to him as to trample upon the sacred obligations which he solemnly swore to respect. If the Government of the United States had power to abolish slavery, it would be responsible for its continuance. But this is not the case. It is absolutely powerless to interfere with this domestic institution save in so far as it relates to the relations of master and wife in the family. The emancipationists fall into a grave error when they suppose that it is extreme callousness for slavery that leads the Democratic party and the conservative classes in the North to oppose emancipation. The majority of the people of the Constitution. It is a most terrible & terrible destruction of slavery by the exercise of unauthorized and usurped power by the Federal Government, would be the beginning of a reign of anarchy and confusion, and receive the country into chaos for which no man can be responsible. The world would be only the beginning of the work. Why emanipate them without taking means to secure their personal freedom? and how secure personal freedom without providing their re-settlement by the States? The policy of the North is to re-settle them at the States, in such a manner that the Government is restored, without destroying the constitutional right of each State to regulate and control its domestic affairs? This brings us directly to the point. Emancipation can be effected by the power of the Federal Government, without which it receives over the States, and, in fact, blotting them out of existence.

A thousand times that the four millions of Africans in the South should remain bondsmen to the latter generation than that the four-fifths of government should be corrupted, and white and black involved in one common ruin.—*For the* *Union*.

Some of the *Daybreak* papers are down on W.M.A.R. for upholding Mr. Stanton—a life-long Democrat—Secretary of War. They say the President has told Mr. Stanton, and has said over a peck of lies. *Daybreak*, Feb. 1st, last—out, ye gods! The speech of Charles was the best act of the President I ever performed. With a Democrat as the head of the War Department, and a Radical in the Vice-Presidency, we may hope to see a stop put to the parties, should new trouble come to the United States. And the day will surely come.

Now, what of the rebellion? We are now more than half won over to the cause. Let us not be afraid, but let us have the courage to stand up to it. The South has got us, and we have got the South.

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