30th Feb. 1858

To Messrs. Earl Wilton and Smith,

Sdm. of the Co. of Invitations,

With unfeigned regret and honor

fulfill the duty of my health to extend the

kind invitation for the 2d inst.

Here is my full and entire, great indeed, would be the

pleasure to one of the members of the,

order in advance to respond with them to the

sentiments of your note of invitation—

"The precepts of the Father of his country;

and Brotherhood! What else, to others...

the resources and to heal the inequities of

our time, did ever need, than these, and

the teachings of Him who was not merely

great but wise as good and have—

Political desirability ever involves moral

enemies of the most atrocious kind.

The few of our day point toward, the

most deplorable of human issues of the

future—the loss of liberty by the default

of her very sons. What is our duty?

allow me truly as favor to suggest it.

Yet to thrust the indweller, all of papal appro


dation upon American Schools and American Laws;

1st To rescue our Sabbath and our jede laws.
from the assessed and contemptible object of human supremacy.
To see to it that the church revere our statutes and pay their tithes —
To make sure the livelihood of the comfort of the native and the naturalized. Bechamp against all foreign competition whatever.
To ensure that lands that Satanic brotherhood of politicians, whatever their party affiliation, whether he their of his position or office or power, who by overriding our laws of suffrage and corrupting the ballot box, hold their birthright and rendered envious exercise of the most sacred of civil duties.
To remedy this evil forever by the enactment of wise and just yet sufficient laws of naturalization and suffrage — and finally
To entice and assuage the fanatic spirit of their new "tribe" which with advent appeal to the moral sentiments of a tolerant and humane people, thereby exposing our body politic to that terrible and fatal excess of human passion which all history warns us result from religious frenzy — would arrogantly command us half the Republic "Stand by thyself, come not near to me I am holier than thou." These words of light, hatred, cannot trans from the civil — such are not the words of Truth and holiness.
glorious & are our institutions & with all other human things they cannot be free from evil & sin as slavery is in its every relation to us, as dear to us & God's Providence towards the African race, it is nevertheless His will at present that they should be slaves. We are not thus to accommodate their condition by lawful means - we should endeavor to remove the base grievance, but to the machinations & schemes of this self-seeking party there can be but one reply - they appeal to our religious feelings as their answer can. The Holy Word, "Who is the that darkens the Counsel of God with words without knowledge.

I glory in God to conceal a thing, & I declare it; & that thing again I hide, & it is found. But the Lord is the perfecter of his ways. He loveth right & abhors evil. Righteousness & mercy & faith & loving-kindness & good counsel & learning & true words, & I have done all these. There is a time & a season for every purpose under heaven. No, I will not conceal a thing. For in all this is the work of man. Some things are to be kept to the heart; others are to be made known. From the height of heaven, from the depths of the grave, I have heard the word of the Lord. I know the end is as it has begun. Therefore, let them fear the Lord, & be strengthened in the favor of God, and let them do justice, and be merciful, and walk in the ways of the Lord.
example of the precepts of Washington. He was the first of the Fathers of America, and greatest of mere men. A heritage of affection and wisdom forever to the American people. The Farewell Address, bound up with that pride upon which his opinions were formed as the only human thing which may dwell unto it own infallibility. I should occupy as I am as much the standard price for the memory as the precious reward of virtue without the school. Rather than, in memory of the sons of liberty, unwarrantably, a patriotic frame upon this glorious day, through absent of pledge ever with a full heart is the following sentiments.

Bound in that great political era, which after centuries of preparation, it was appointed to our fathers to inaugurate and accompany the National Seal as armor into Weldwood (a new series of ages) - Builders upon the unlabored Pyramid of Freedom - alone of all upon the earth, fitted by means providential antecedent and circumstances which can develop, and adapt, human character to carry on the inestimable work; it is the Will of God! that Americans should rule America for the present good and future welfare of the world.
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Dear Earl, Wilson, and Smith

Gentlemen of the Com' of Invitation

With unfeigned regret I am compelled by the state of my health decline your kind invitation for the 22 Feb.

Were it prudent, great indeed would be the pleasure to me of meeting my brethren of the order in Newark to respond with them to the sentiments of your note of invitaion —" The precepts of the Father —of his Country"! "Un[ion] and Brotherhood"! What else, to moder[ate] the excesses and to heal the iniquities of our time, [three words?], than these under the teachings of Him who was not only great but wise and good and brave—Political degeneracy ever involves moral cowardice of the most atrocious kind. The "Hist of the past year" point towards the most deplorable of human issues: the future—the loss of Liberty by the default of her very sons. What is our duty? allow me briefly to suggest it. Our aim should be yet to thwart the "insidious evils" of papal aggression upon American Schools and American Laws—2nd to rescue our Sabbaths and our Excise Laws from the impudence and contempt of German infidelity

3rd To see to it that the Irish reverence our statutes and pay their taxes—

4th To make sure the livelihood and the comfort of the native and the naturalized Mechanic against all foreign competition whatever.

5th To destroy that satanic brotherhood of policiticans wherever he [?] of his position in office in power, who by overriding our laws of suffrage and corrupting the ballot have sold our birthright and rendered even [torn] exercise of the most sacred of Civil Duties [torn] cheat and sham.

To remedy this evil forever by the enactment of wise and just yet sufficient Laws of Naturalization and Suffrage and finally

7th to control and assuage the fanatic spirit of that new "Ism" which with adroit appeal to the moral feelings of a tolerant and unwary people thereby exposing our body politic to those terrible and fatal excesses of human passion which all History warns ever result from religious frenzy—would arrogantly command one half the Republic "Stand by thy self, come not near to me I am holier than thou" Even robes of light, brethren, cannot transform the devil—such are not the words of "truth and soberness"

Glorious are our institutions, but like all other human things they cannot be free from blot in [?]—Evil as slavery is in its every relation to us, and dark as is Gods Providence
towards the African race, — it is nevertheless His Will! At present that they should be slaves. We should seek to ameliorate their condition by lawful means—beseech God to to remove the dark providence, but to the machinations and plans of this self righteous party there can be one reply—they appeal to our religious feelings but their answer come from Holy Writ—"who is this that darkeneth council by words without knowledge" [?] make thyself over wise—It is the glory of God to conceal a thing wilt thou condemn me that thou mayst be righteous? The ballot in these later days is the only talismanic power to Liberty against every harm, perfect the exercise of the right of suffrage restrict it wisely, guard it infallibly, make it intelligent and true and you have done all that humanity can accomplish. [?] politics is only is the past the present and the future—Leave the rest to the Supreme Rules.

"Far above Earths hollow Tempest and its [?]"

Presides securely and forever the Will of God!

The 22nd Feb should be a festival day to the nation. It is of sinister import of the forgetfulness so apparent of the example and the precepts of Washington. He was the first of the Rulers of mankind and greatest of mere men. A knowledge of affectation and wisdom forever to the American people the Farewell address bound up with that Bible upon which his opinions were founded as the only human thing which may approach into its own infallibility—should occupy and be at once an exercise for the memory of Him oh! sons of Liberty— invariably in patriotic [conclave?] upon this joyous day. Though absent I pledge you with a full heart in the following sentiments

Born in that great political Era which after centuries of preparations it was appointed unto our Fathers to inaugurate and describe upon the national seal as "Novus ordo seclorum" (a new series of ages);—builders upon the unfinished Pyramid of Freedom;—alone of all antecedent and circumstance: necessary to develop and adapt human character, to carry on the inestimable work;—It is the Will of God! that Americans should rule America for the present good and future welfare of the race.