

He looked with reverence on that glorious old flag and on the constitution of our fathers, and he had never departed from that faith. He had suffered a great deal for his State, and he could not bear in silence the implication of the gentleman from Frederick that the members of this convention were recreant to the State. It was for the principles of our forefathers that the South went into the contest and selected Jefferson Davis as its chosen exponent. He was in the Senate chamber when Jefferson Davis made his farewell speech, and when he plead with his associates on that floor and begged them for the sake of Heaven to accept the Crittenden compromise, and promised that whatever the action of Mississippi might be, that he would stay with them, and that he was certain he could take his State with him. He did not know in what school the gentleman from Frederick had been educated; he had received his education at the University of Virginia. Perhaps the gentleman from Frederick had recently become a convert to the democratic party and wished to show his new-born zeal.

Mr. Nelson replied that he had never voted any but the democratic ticket in all his life.

Mr. Marbury then concluded his remarks.

Mr. McKaig said he did not propose to make a speech, because he had not understood any of those which had been made. He thought, however, that this Convention was here to frame a constitution for the people of the State of Maryland, and not to take care of the government at Washington. There were enough Yankees there to do that. [Laughter.]

Mr. Jones took the floor in advocacy of the article as reported by the committee. There was one good effect which had already been produced by the recommendation of the committee. The radicals, as he said yesterday, had forgotten the constitution, but we had remembered it. A friend had sent him a copy of the Cincinnati Commercial, a leading radical paper, which contained a letter from Washington, in which the writer had a paragraph headed, "The Calhoun doctrine abandoned in Maryland," and then proceeded to compliment the people of Maryland on the prospect of adopting this second article as reported by