

upholding the Union of which she is proud to be the heart. The sooner that those engaged in this rebellion come to understand that this is the position and unalterable determination of the people of Maryland, the better will it be for all concerned.

There is good reason to believe that much mischief has been already done, many groundless hopes injuriously excited, and the rebellion itself stimulated or encouraged by the gross delusions scattering abroad in reference to the condition of popular sentiment in Maryland. It may be useful to speculate upon the circumstances which have led to this delusion; the one perhaps which more than any other has contributed to it and caused those at a distance to conceive that the public sentiment of our state sympathized with this rebellion, has grown out of the prominent position political or personal which those who really and so sympathize have occupied or assumed. The State Legislature usually supposed to reflect the popular will would have indicated that three fourths of our people six months ago united in this sympathy; yet with the exception of those who represented the City of Baltimore and who five days after the April mob were elected without the notice required by the Constitution, every member of that Legislature was elected, as we all know, more than a year before South Carolina passed her ordinance of secession, and so far from that body having ever been an index of Maryland sentiment, that sentiment on the first opportunity, has indicated itself not only by the unprecedented vote it has put on record but by a result hardly less remarkable, that with the single exception of one faithful Union member it has not left in your popular branch one of those elected at the time referred to.

The people of other states have been misled as to the true position of Maryland not merely by the declarations and proceedings of those who as delegates were naturally supposed to faithfully represent her, but the activity, the pursuits, the social promiscuous and business relations of those of her people who espoused the disunion cause added to their ceaseless and persistent efforts, have given to their action especially with those at a distance an apparent importance which their numbers never justified. They themselves almost seemed to fancy that as the assumed representatives of a social class, they outweighed the old-fashioned power of numbers and were well calculated to create false impressions of our real condition. That condition was at all times sufficiently manifest to those who would take the trouble to seek for it through those sources from which the great channel of public sentiment is always supplied, the mighty masses of our industrial population. Traced by that deep current, Maryland sentiment has never varied, and there was never a time when her people upon the same facts, recently presented would not have recorded their verdict in the same emphatic terms.

That this has been affected by any collateral circumstances or in the favorite phrase of secessionists, is the result 'Maryland Subjugation' is an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of her people, which it scarcely becomes us to repeat. Anyone who will recur to the history of this rebellion, the assumption on which it is founded and the objects it avows, and then in connection with them advert to the character of our people, the geographical position of our State and the effect of disunion