[From the Charleston Courier.]

Maryland.

Maryland is under the foot of oppression. She has been threatened, insulted, ridiculed, subjugated. The feeble voice she lifted in protest and defiance has been silenced. Vandal hordes have marched through her chief city, and taken possession of her Capital. Her soil is desecrated by the soldiers of a tyrant and usurper. A sad fate! a terrible woe!

Has it come to this? Has the man who fills the seat of power, whereon Washington once sat, and after which Calhoun aspired, the hardihood and wickedness, thus to demolish the sovereignty of a Commonwealth, thus to trample upon the Constitution he solemnly swore to administer?

The North looks on and commends the infamous course of the despot. But the North is in a frenzy of wrath. The North is alarmed at the success of the movement she derided. The North is mad at the immense loss she has sustained by the destruction of her gainful trade. The North is all absorbed in the end to be attained by the subjugation of Maryland, and she will approve any means that will secure that desirable object.—But will the storm of fury last forever? Will there not come a time when the North will calmly consider? They have called into existence a power which disclaims responsibility, and scouts at the wise restrictions of law. The obstacles they found in the path that leads, as they foolishly imagine, to the accomplishment of their base purposes, have been pushed out of their way by main force. Under the influence of mortified pride, demoniac anger, envy, hatred, and every evil passion, they have overleaped the bounds set by patriotism and wisdom, closed their ears to reason, and to the warnings of history, and rushed wildly on. What if the demon power turn against those who have given it life and sent it forth to do their horrid work!

Their President has openly infracted the Constitution by a series of acts which he does not pretend to justify or defend. He has declared war, he has raised an army, he has blockaded ports, he has ruthlessly destroyed property worth millions of dollars. And yet so intent is the howling horde upon revenge and plunder, that they are jubilant over these high-handed acts, and shout on the perjured despot.

It is folly to remonstrate with madmen. The time for argument and appeal is passed. We meet force with force. Soldiers, not statesmen, must decide the question now before the two sections. The slaves of the tyrant have drawn their swords, and content we are to cross blades with them on the bloody field. But they will not rejoice always in the silencing and subjugation of a State. This act bodes evil to them. They have made a terrible sacrifice. They have wantonly in the blindness of their fury surrendered the dearest right of freemen. They have consented to and applauded flagrant usurpations. What are their States more than provinces? If they should provoke the wrath of the corrupt man whose rule they are proud to acknowledge, will he not punish them? And suppose their conduct should call for such an exhibition of his power as Maryland has been forced to submit to, must they not receive the rod without complaint or murmur? In their madness and folly, instigated by malice and lust, they have not contemplated the nature of the cause to which they have given their gold and their lives. They have not seen that the hand which has smitten that State, has given the death-blow to their dearest rights.

There lies Maryland, prostrate and well nigh helpless. Her condition calls for our pity. On this green earth there lives not a people more generous and high minded and brave. Their hearts are true to the South, and deeply do they feel their degradation. They have submitted, but they are not subdued. They are hemmed in by the oppressor's forces, but they are not conquered. No chain that tyrants force can bind the spirit of freemen. They have not willingly suffered the hurt that has been done their honor. A traitor Governor plotted with a despot President, and the noble people, all unsuspicous of the treachery, fell into the pit these miscreants had digged.—They have been miserably betrayed. Woe to the traitors that have deceived and misled the Marylanders, when after the dogged endurance of indignities and wrongs, with a clear conception of the artful plot, and a growing hatred for the base foes that have held them in subjection, woe be to them when the Marylanders rise in their might and go forth to take revenge. They will strike such a blow as tyrants and traitors have never felt since the world was made. They will do a great work in a short time. They will wipe out the marks of the invaders' footprints with the blood of the invaders. The day of vengeance is at hand. Maryland is getting ready for her disenthralment. Her night can be no darker. Soon will her morning dawn.

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THE OLD HOUSE CLOCK.

Oh, the old, old clock, of the household stock,
Was the brightest thing and the dearest;
Its hands, though old, had a touch of gold,
And its chime rang still the sweetest.
'Twas a monitor, too, though its words were few,
Yet they lived, though nations altered;
And its voice, still strong, warned old and young,
When the voice of friendship faltered.
"Tick, tick," it said; "quick, quick to bed,
For ten I've given the warning;
Up, up and go, or else, you know,
You'll never rise soon in the morning."
A friendly voice was that old, old clock,
As it stood in the corner smiling,
And blessed the time with merry chime,
The Winter hours beguiling;
But a cross old voice was that tiresome clock,
As it called at daybreak boldly,
When the clock looked gray o'er the misty way,
And the early air blew coldly;
"Tick, tick," it said; "quick out of bed,
For five I've given warning;
You'll never have health, you'll never get wealth,
Unless you're up in the morning."
Still hourly the sound goes round and round,
With a tone that ceases never;
While tears are shed for the bright days fled,
And the old friends lost forever,
Its heart beats on, though hearts are gone
That warmer beat and younger;
Its hands still move, though hands we love
Are clasped on earth no longer.
"Tick, tick," it said; "to the church-yard bed
The grave hath given warning;
Up and rise, and look in the skies,
And prepare for a heavenly morning.

Cassius M. Clay's Letter--Position of England.

The London Times thus comments on a letter which it publishes from the Hon. Cassius M. Clay:

This lively letter writer proposes six question—three relating to his own country, three relating to England. The first question he is more successful in asking than answering: "What are we fighting for?" "We are fighting," says Mr. Clay, "for nationality and liberty." We can understand a fight for nationality between different races, but a fight between men of the same nationality is to us, we candidly confess it, an inexplicable enigma; nor can we better understand how a people fighting to put down rebellion, to force their fellow-citizens to remain in a confederacy which they detest, and to submit to institutions which they repudiated over and over again, and always repeated in vain.

Having answered the questions which he supposes to be addressed to him by England, Mr. Clay becomes the questioner, and asks us where our honor would place us in this contest. Clearly by the side of the Union, because, he says, if slavery be extended in America it must be restored in the West Indies. If any one doubts the force of this demonstration we are sorry for it, for Mr. Clay has no other to offer. Our examiner next asks us to consider our interest. Clearly, he says, it is to stand by the Union, because they are our best customers, and because, though they have done all they can, since the separation of the South gave them the power, to ruin their trade with us, they will in spite of their own hostile tariff, remain our best customers.

Lastly comes the momentous question, "Can England afford to offend the United States?" "Certainly not," says Mr. Clay, "for in half a century they will amount to a hundred millions of people, and will have railways four thousand miles long." But is Mr. Clay quite sure that, even if we should offend them now, the people of America will bear mallice for half a century; and, if they do, is he quite certain that his hundred millions will all be members of one confederacy, and that we may not then as we might now, secure either half of the Union as our ally in a war against the other?

Mr. Clay must really allow us to give our own version of the honor and interest of England. Our honor and interests is to stand aloof from contests which in no way concern us, to be content with our own laws and liberties, without seeking to impose them upon others, "to seek peace and insure it," and to leave those who take to the sword to fall by the sword. In war we will be strictly neutral; in peace we will be the friends of whatever power may emerge out of the frightful chaos through which Mr. Clay sees his ways so clearly.—And that neutrality which is recommended alike by our interest and our honor we will not violate through fear—no, not of a hundred millions of unborn men. Let Mr. Clay and his countrymen look well to the present, and they will find enough to occupy their attention without troub-