



TO THE LOYAL CITIZENS OF

HAGERSTOWN!

The undersigned have always avowed themselves as hearty and thorough Unionists; as men who from duty to their country and to themselves, could allow no mistake on this point among their fellow citizens. As such they desire now, earnestly and respectfully to appeal to those with whom they may have any influence. The appeal is made to the hearts and consciences of christian men in this community, who are thoroughly loyal to the United States.

If you would win from God the triumph of law, the real and permanent restoration of order which we now anticipate,—*obey the laws*, rise superior to the passions of the hour, be kind and forbearing to those who differ from you, even to those who may have wronged you and your country. The open condemnation of rebellion as a sin, as well as a great folly; the heartiest reprobation of real though unconfessed disaffection in any to their country's cause in this crisis, are consistent with words and deeds of kindness, forbearance and protection to individuals.

Those in Military and Civil Authority have the duty and right to prevent or punish the wrongs done to the country, to society or to individuals. But no unauthorized acts of violence, nor any angry threats can be either right, wise, or loyal. The Charity which Religion enjoins, the cause of the Union is strong enough to afford. As the Teachers among you of Religion, as loyal fellow-citizens, we humbly, earnestly adjure you,—*obey the laws and maintain the charity which others seem to you to reverence too little.*

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