

What course will be pursued in the future, whether the effort will be made to crush Secession by force of arms, or some other plan adopted to put an end to the present strife, must depend upon the action of Congress, which is to meet on the 4th of July, the great National Anniversary. The President, by the terms of the Constitution, could have convened it but a few days sooner. Mr. Lincoln's power is not absolute. In a contest for the support of the Constitution, he, of all men, must not be guilty of unconstitutional acts. Thus far he has acted, under the advice of General Scott, mainly upon the defensive, while making the necessary preparations to execute the laws which Congress may see fit to enact in the premises. Must he not temper vigour with prudence and caution? May they not prove to be in the right, who believe that the result of the measures already adopted and carried out,—the blockade of the ports, and the placing an overwhelming force along the border,—may be a collapse of the Secession movement, and the attainment of the great end of peace, and of the maintenance of the Union be, after all, secured by an almost bloodless victory?

Administration—to secure the Government advertising. To extend its Southern circulation, it became the most rabid pro-slavery and Secession organ at the North. But losing Southern support through the stoppage of the mails, and not having influence sufficient to prevent the substratum of the New York population from rising in a mass for the Union, it now panders to the passions of the mob on the other side, and takes the lead in foul abuse of the English Ministry for adopting the only wise and prudent course possible—that of strict neutrality! By way of apology, let it be added, that, if these pages had been written for the American public, no allusion whatever would have been made to that journal; but, as it seems to be the recognised authority in Europe upon all transatlantic topics, one *must* notice it, however disgusting the necessity.

NOTE.—The foregoing conclusions have been justified by the course events have taken, but when the rebellion will end, time alone will reveal. In a second edition I hope to be able to give the Author's further views on the subject, which would now have been done had he not left this country.—H. T.