

who avows such a sentiment will be scouted from society by his best friends. What other treatment would a man deserve who, for pecuniary considerations, should turn traitor to his sovereign and his government, and violate all obligations to the country which gave him birth! You know what you call Copperheads, and a nice life they have of it. [Laughter.] Just such a life will the man have who talks treason on the other side of the lines. [Applause.] The very boy to whom I have alluded as having fought manfully for the "Stars and Stripes," would rather blow his own father's brains out than haul down the honoured flag under which he was born—the flag of his nation and of his fatherland. [Cheers.] I do not believe there is a young Canadian in the American army who does not honour his own flag as you honour yours, and they ought to be despised if they did not. If any member of this Convention harbours the idea that by refusing reciprocity to British America you will undermine the loyal feelings of the people of these Colonies, he is labouring under a delusion, and fostering an imputation upon the character and integrity of an honourable people of the most dastardly kind that can, by any possibility, receive a lodgment in his breast. [Loud and continued applause.]

Some gentlemen from Maine asked me if we were not building fortifications in the Provinces. Well, after so many threats from Northern news-