

be the basest of men, to act in contradiction of our principles and opinions, and these we have no reason to change. Every event is a new confirmation of them. Do they say the same on their part? How then came we into this deplorable condition? But they do not say it. All who have any sensibility to truth and sincerity of expression, begin to give testimony against the men whom we have opposed, and the opinions which we have combated. The more ingenuous are loud in the execration of their betrayers, and frank in the acknowledgment of their errors. They triumph in a victory over their prejudices, and glory in the discovery and promotion of the general good. Many have set this noble example, and many more ought to have imitated it. They will do it. You will, my countrymen, acknowledge the secret convictions, which do you honour, and which will do you still greater honour when they cease to be secret. You will again be what you once were. You will again repose confidence in such men, as it was once your pride to respect. We have long tried them, and cordially recommend them to your support. You have long observed them, and must, by this time, cease to distrust their integrity. To whom else can you look for the salvation of your country? Those conceited things, which, in the sunshine of easy times, were so ostentatious at parade, and so flippant at caucus, where are they now, when the sky blackens, and the thunder begins to roll? The greater part have skulked into their hiding places, and but for their whining and carping, it would be forgotten that they exist. Some remain in the scene to gather up the plunder which confusion always exposes to unprincipled cupidity. A few of the most desperate, still affect to act, and giddily hurry to and fro, at their wits' end, without method, purpose or effect. None but weak and infatuated men, will continue to follow such leaders as these. Forsake, at length, those of the impostors, who have not already done you the kindness to desert you. We have suffered with you long