

riches nor poverty ; not riches, lest he should forget God ; not poverty, lest he should be tempted to steal ; and to receive the public money unjustly is not only stealing, but stealing of the worst and basest sort, including a breach of the most sacred trust, accompanied with the cowardly consciousness of impunity. From reflections like these, Gentlemen, it is that the declaration now made has proceeded, and, when I depart, in word or in deed, from this declaration may I become the scorn of my country ; wherein to be remembered with esteem, I prize beyond all the riches and all the honours of this world.

But, Gentlemen, as it is my firm determination never to receive a farthing of the public money, so it is my determination, equally firm, never, in any way whatever, to give one farthing of my own money to any man in order to induce him to vote, or to cause others to vote, for me ; and being convinced that it is this practice of giving, or promising to give, money, or money's worth, at elections ; being convinced that it is this disgraceful, this unlawful, this profligate, this impious practice, to which are to be ascribed all our calamities and all the dangers that now stare us in the face, I cannot refrain from exhorting you to be, against all attempts at such practices, constantly and watchfully upon your guard. The candidates who have resorted to such means have always been found amongst the most wicked of men ; men who having, by a life of adultery or of gambling, or of profligacy of some sort, ruined both their character and their fortunes, have staked their last thousand upon an election, with the hope of thereby obtaining security from a jail, and of selling their vote for the means of future subsistence drawn from the sweat of the people at a hundred-fold ; and thus expecting to pocket the profit of the corrupt speculation, sneering at their bribed and perjured constituents, as Satan is said to have sneered at the reprobate with whom he had bargained for his soul.