

crew are distracted by a dispute how she came into that situation. The grand and only object with a part of them, is to get the helm in their own hands—and rather than not succeed, they are resolved she shall go to perdition. This party swears all the danger and difficulty are owing to the imbecility, the corruption, the madness or the folly of the pilot, whom they threaten “with a halter;” or to put him ashore “on the Island of Elba.” The others swear with equal vehemence, that the refractory, turbulent, and factious spirit of the mutinous part of the crew has run the vessel aground. They are accordingly determined to defend the pilot. A few individuals, who see that both parties had contributed to produce this calamitous event, in vain hold out “the Olive Branch,” and implore them to suspend all inquiries as to the cause of danger till the ship is righted. It is in vain. While the parties are more and more inflamed against each other, the vessel bulges on a sharp rock—down she goes—pilot—and supporters—and mutineers—and peace makers—all in one common destruction.

This, I am fearful, will be our fate. It may be prevented. All that is necessary is, for a few influential men in the different States to step forward—bury the hatchet—lay aside all minor considerations while the vessel of state is in danger. This policy is so obviously just, that fifty individuals throughout the union setting the example, would have sufficient efficacy to arouse the nation to a sense of their danger, and thus accomplish the blessed object of saving their country.

Will the Clarksons, the Rays, the Ludlows, the Remsens, the Ogdens, the Pearsalls, the Lenoxes, the Harrisons, the Lawrences, the M’Cormicks, of New-York—the Willings, the Francisens, the Norrises, the Biddles, the Latimers, the Tilghmans, the Walns, the Ralstons, the Lewises, of Philadelphia—the Gilmors, the Olivers, the Sterets, the Howards, the Smiths, the Bryces, the Grahams, the Cookes of Baltimore—and other such estimable federalists throughout the Union, continue to regard with apathy the dangers of their country, and not make a bold and decisive stand to rescue her? No. It cannot be. Heaven has not, I hope, so far blotted us out of its favorable remembrance, as to give us up to such a frightful destiny. It will at this late hour interpose for our salvation, and dispel the horrible