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AMERICAN

NEW YORK, 30.—The following is General Hancock's letter of acceptance:

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND,
New York City,
Jan. 30th, 1880.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 13th, 1880, apprising me formally of my nomination to the office of President of the United States by the National Democratic Convention, lately assembled in Cincinnati. I accept the nomination.

The principles enunciated by the Convention are those I have cherished in the past, and that I shall endeavor to maintain in the future.

stitution of the United States, embodying the result of the war for Union are inviolate. If called to the Presidency I shall deem it my duty to resist with all my power any attempt to impair or evade the full force and effect of the Constitution.

which in every article, section and amendment is the supreme law of the land. The Constitution forms the basis of the Government of the United States. The powers granted by it to the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Departments define and limit the authority of the general government. The powers not

delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, belong to the States respectively or to the people. The general and State government, each acting in its own sphere, without trenching upon the lawful jurisdiction of the other, constitutes the Union. This Union, comprising

ing a general government with general powers and State governments with State powers for purposes local to States, is a polity, the foundations of which were laid in profoundest wisdom. This is the Union our fathers made and which has been so respected abroad and so benefited at home. Tried by blood and fire

stands to-day a model form of free popular government—a political system which rightly administered has been and will continue to be the admiration of the world. May we not say, nearly in the words of Washington: The unity of government which constitutes one people, is justly dear to us. It is the main pillar

the edifice of our real independence the support of our peace, safety and prosperity and of that liberty we highly prize and intend at every hazard preserve; but no form of government, however, carefully devised, principles, however sound, will protect the rights of the people unless the administration is faithful and

It is a vital principle in our system that neither fraud nor force must be allowed to subvert the rights of the people. When fraud, violence or incompetence controls, the noblest constitutions and wisest laws are useless. The bayonet is not a fit instrument for controlling the vote.

Public office is a trust, not a bounty. It is a trust bestowed upon the holder. It is not a bounty to be given to incompetent or dishonest persons.

Our material interests, varied as they are, demand our constant and united efforts. A sedulous and scrupulous care of public credit, together with a wise and economical management of our government

expenditures should be maintained in order that labor may be lightly burdened and that all persons may be protected in their rights to the fruits of their own industry.

The time has come to enjoy the substantial benefits of reconciliation. As one people, we have common interests. Let us encourage harmonious

and a generous rivalry among our own industries, which will revive our languishing merchant-marine, extend our commerce with foreign nations, assist our merchants, manufacturers and producers to develop our vast material resources and increase the prosperity and happiness of our people.

If elected, I shall, with Divine
 vor, labor with what ability I possess
 to discharge my duties with fidelity
 according to my convictions, and
 shall take care to protect and defend
 the Union and see that the laws will
 be faithfully and equally executed
 in all parts of the country alike.
 I will assume the responsibility full

I, am, very respectfully yours
(Signed) W. S. HANCOCK
To Hon. John W. Stevenson, President of the Convention; Hon. Jos.

P. Stockton, Chairman, and others of the Committee of the Democratic Convention.

ENGLISH'S LETTER.

To Hon. John W. Stevenson, Hon. John P. Stockton and others, Indianapolis:

GENTS:—I have now the honor to reply to your letter of the 13th inst. informing me that I was unanimously nominated for the office of Vice-President of the United States by the convention which assembled at Cincinnati. As foreshadowed in the verbal remarks made by me at the time after the delivery of my

letter, I have now to say that I accept the high trust with a realized sense of its responsibility and a profoundly grateful for the honor conferred. I accept the nomination upon the platform of principles adopted by the convention, which cordially approve, and I accept quite as much because of my faith

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