ticket. Our candidates are all gentlemen of worth and good standing in society. and have been exceedingly active in going among the people and endeavoring to arouse them to a sense of the importance of defeating the Call for a Convention. I have been informed that Harford and Kent Counties will do better than they have done for years. and I am confident that were the people of Cecil allowed a fair opportunity to vote they would give a handsome majority against the Abolitionists. It is to be hoped that the other counties will have honest and capable men for judges of the Election, not blind reckless partisans as we have.

The great difficulty here is to get our men persuaded to take any oath before voting. and although things look badly for us here, I hope that we shall not seem to deserve the appellation bestowed on us by our enemies. of being the "Banner Abolition County". To day I received a letter from Gen McKaig in which he stated that it was openly proclaimed in Cumberland that the "silk stocking gentry" would not be permitted to vote ~~there~~ in Allegany.

We must do all that we can to defeat the schemes of the Abolitionists and, then if beaten, we will have the consolation of knowing that we have discharged our duty.

Very Respectfully
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