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To the Editor of the Union.

The very able & comprehensive letter which appeared in ~~the Union~~ <sup>the Union of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst</sup> in reply to Mr Pendleton's famous budget of blunders, has been so well received by the public, that I am encouraged to devote a series of short articles to the consideration of the same engrossing subject. At a crisis like this, when the evil energies of a considerable portion of the community are arrayed against national interests & national honor, — when so many desperate efforts are being made to misrepresent the policy of our government, & to prejudice public opinion, the causes which have placed us in a belligerent attitude towards Mexico, cannot be too often repeated, or too specifically dwelt upon. So long as we find human ingenuity taxed for purposes of deception, so long must we be allowed to administer antidotes in the shape of facts. So long as the spirit of Anti-Republicanism stalks abroad with a dagger in its hand, ready to be plunged into the very heart of our national existence, so long must we labor to arrest its desolating progress, & warn the highway against its insidious attacks. From all that has been said & written for the last twenty years touching the infamous system of extortion, imposition & perfidy pursued by ~~the~~ the Mexican authorities in all their dealings with American citizens, I should never have expected to have seen a hand raised, on American soil at least, for the purpose of arresting the blow which retributive justice has at length dealt, in retaliation for so many outrages & crimes. It appears, however, that I had not calculated with sufficient precision, the excesses, that Federalism is capable of committing, when goaded on by desecration & revenge. Unmindful of the atrocious scenes of 1819, I had forgotten that the same turbulent spirits, who, at that trying period sought to betray the cause of the Republic, are still lingering among us, animated by the same grovelling instincts & aiming at the same results. Federal bigotry still possesses the same overwhelming force, as in former days, & the thousands who obey its impulses are still involved in the same degree of gloom.

The speech of Mr Pendleton at the close of the last session of Congress, on the subject of our difficulties with Mexico, is one of those political curiosities which the future historian will probably single out, as admirably adapted to illustrate that species of political fanaticism, which no consideration of honor or of patriotism can abridge. The astounding ignorance of passing events displayed in every line of that memorable address, would alone stamp its author as ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> most unfit person to represent an enlightened constituency in Congress; while his daring attempt to pervert the spirit of international ~~law~~ <sup>Treaties</sup> in hopes of arraying the passions of the unthinking multitude against the President, shows that he entertains