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THE NORTHERN MAIL came through yesterday with the latest dates.

RECENT RIOTOUS DEMONSTRATIONS.

We are glad to perceive the press every where reflecting the spirit of religious intolerance that is pervading various parts of the Union, and which, if not checked, will produce exhibitions of popular fury which the laws are found to suppress, and which should universally discountenance. Nothing can be more flagrant and absolute contradiction to the organic law which proclaims liberty of conscience, and more utterly independent of countries in which religion is completely free from Government.

It is said that the recent riotous debauch at Rochester, Bath and Lawrence, provoked by the intemperate conduct of those towns, and that in consequence they were guilty of the outrage, in raising the American flag upside down, and surmounted by the Pole. If this be true, it will readily account for such violence which followed, on the part of drunkard and misguided rabble, — we cannot exonerate the conduct of the military and educated portion of the city participating in the disgraceful outrage, in consequence of those who attempted the patriotic sensibilities of a people, would have been more effectually, by having them arrested for offensive and unlawful conduct, than by setting fire to houses, or smashing the windows of churches.

We feel that all this exhibition of Anti-Christian zeal is wrong, mistimed and misplaced. Religious equality, of the kind that our Constitution which enables every man to seek his Creator as he thinks he should, is what we contend that to seek to prevent which is the great body of the religious world from enjoying that very privilege, which people of the intolerant and bigoted Catholic faith, and yet of greater intolerance. Where is the intolerant Protestantism, when it ceaselessly and blind and reckless followers to put down Catholicism by the strong arm? In striving to put down Catholicism of one sect, it proves also to the charge in a still bolder form. Behold how it tramples on the pride and the Cynic as he soiled the rich robe of the Athenian philosopher. "Ay, with greater pride Diogenes," was the reply "I tread on the pride of the haughty." Is not the beautiful sentiment of the Christian religion, that it is guilty of the very sins to those which he would condemn? We contend that this is all wrong. We believe that in this country from the Pilgrims to Jackson, and whose accession was the triumph of doctrine to which we ought not to be ashamed, they should be free as air to worship God according to the dictates of their own Christianity. We have received in both instances, and in the last instance in the most tragic manner. We would not have the Government interfere against any faith or sect, but we would have it firmly interposed to exert its influence to protect the country against the operations of Catholicism, which are found to employ it for its purposes, or to prevent, or to assist the Know Nothings' are as conscientious. We should be glad to see the principles of the Know Nothings, and the secret oaths, and the secret societies, and the mouths of its leaders and designs has at last arrived at the conclusion that the Knows are of a Native American party, it is all right. Every man has a right to be conscientious, because he is guided by the spirit and letter of his religious party. We do not contend that any man, whether Catholic or Protestant, is wrong in his narrow and illiberal views of religious toleration. It is a sin to suit the body of religious sentiments to whom we are thus allowed to be a member of the Union. We should be glad to see the Know Nothings