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A Correspondent has furnished us with the following curious paragraph, extracted from a letter which was forwarded to three gentlemen in a respectable township, by a very active promoter of *The Antifederal Conclave* intended to meet this day (3d September) at Harrisburg—

“If you should *apprehend* the people *will not* call a town meeting for the purpose, that you will, *as we intend here*, write or call on *a few* of the most *respectable* people of your township to attend at *this general* meeting, as they *intend* to do at Philadelphia, *if they cannot accomplish their purpose* the other way.”—

Thus we see that these kind gentlemen, knowing *the people at large* are opposed to their scheme, intend that “*a few* respectable” *well-born* people shall carry it on for them.—Our Correspondent observes further, that it appears this “*general* meeting” is to be made up of “*a few*” particular persons. The circular letter, which was enclosed in the above-mentioned, plainly talks of “*a civil war*,” and proposes that the eight federal representatives for Pennsylvania shall be put in nomination by *the Conclave* of “*the respectable few*” at Harrisburg.—These obliging Volunteers, we presume, mean to save all the trouble of *free elections* in future;—for it seems, if the people do not come into their scheme, they intend to accomplish their purpose in another way.

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