reformers, gathered from every section of our great, though to our people, unjust state, with whom it has been my high privilege, and honor to labor and pray at previous conventions, may rest assured that my love for the great principles which brought into existence this great conventional movement has in no wise abated, nor has my zeal, in their propagations, nor my confidence under God of their final and glorious triumph.

If God be just and true, His immutable and eternal truth, will ultimately annihilate that cruel prejudice, injustice and oppression, which in our state has plundered our franchise or fundamental rights, and with a cruel, bloody and wicked hand now crushes millions in this nation to the dust.

May I not hope for your forbearance whilst I express my great solicitude, that this convention, like those which have preceded it, guided by the spirit from on high in all its decisions may lean on God; planting itself on the great fundamental principles of His eternal and immutable truth, not on worldly expediency or on time serving policy. The present is a period of danger. The political tornado is now sweeping through the land. And it cannot be expected that we in common with the multitude should be effected more or less, by the miserable sophisms wielded by many of both of the two great political parties, to carry the nation. My confidence is in the principles upon which the Liberty party is based,—I believe they are just. But were it my happiness to be a member of the Convention I would not be anxious for its formal identification with this party. I should not advocate it, unless an issue between this and one of the other parties were forced upon me; or some action was proposed to the disparagement of the Liberty party. I would then feel religiously called upon to stand by liberty principles. If I was alone enjoying the sweet consciousness of having the truth with me, and the approbation of the God of the oppressed before whom as I am emphatically reminded I may be summoned to appear, before the return of another annual convention. Having had during the hours of my recent affliction, time for deliberate, solemn reflection on this subject with its bearings upon the nominally free and upon the more forlorn condition of our brethren in bonds. In humility I would say to my brethren of the delegation, if I were pronouncing my last dying words, adhere to these principles, swerve neither to the right or the left, they are in my humble judgment truth indestructible and God given.