COMMUNICATION.

The Northern Vote of Fairfax County.

To the Editors of the Alexandria Gazette:

I have seen lately published an article in reference to the election for Delegate from the county of Fairfax to the State Convention. Now, I am no politician, but a plain farmer, (and a poor one at that,) surrounded by Northern families, and I take great pleasure in testifying, that a more intelligent, orderly, law-abiding, and inoffensive set of men, (who attend to their own business, and let that of their neighbors alone,) never lived in any community. And this is the testimony in their behalf from all parts of the county, as far as I am informed. I truly regret the publication of the article referred to, because it is calculated to prejudice at least some of our Southern citizens against their Northern brethren, and to place them in a false position before the public. Can any man of reflection suppose for a moment that our Northern fellow-citizens would desert us in the hour of peril and danger, and prove traitors to the land of their adoption? I should think not. Have not a large majority of them invested their last dollar in our lands? Their entire earthly possessions are in the State of Virginia. Have not many of them married the fair daughters of Fairfax, and buried their parents, wives, and children in our Southern soil? Is it reasonable to suppose that with all these ties to bind them here, should the bugle of war ever be sounded in our midst, that they would take up arms against us? No, it is not. I solemnly believe, that nine-tenths of them, in vindication of their rights *and ours*, would shoulder their muskets, and march side by side with our native born citizens to the battle field, and pour out their hearts' blood in asserting and maintaining those rights.

But these true and loyal men are to be held up to Virginians, as traitors to the *South!* And for what? Why, because, in the exercise of their rights as freemen, they chose to go to the polls on Monday, the 4th instant, and record their votes for Wm. H. Dulany, esq., a high minded, honorable, and talented Virginia gentleman, and as true to the South as the needle to the pole with ability and nerve to assert and maintain her rights, and defend her wrongs, if need be; and woe be to that man who dares to intimate that *he* is false to the land of his birth! We are informed that Dulany was elected by the Northern vote! Well, suppose he was. If this is treason, let them make the most of it. I say from my heart, thank God, that they are content to remain in this glorious old Union, which the immortal Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, and a host of departed worthies so much loved and revered, as long as there is a hope left of an honorable and satisfactory adjustment of the unfortunate difficulties which now exist between the slave and free States. At the Cross Roads Precinct, where I voted, out of 150 votes taken, Dulany received 118, Moss 32. Dulany received about two-and-a-half of the native vote to Moss's one. I cannot say what proportion of the native vote Mr. Dulany received at the other precincts in the county, as I live twelve miles from the Court House, and have been confined to my house since the day of election by severe indisposition. Consequently, I have not had access to the returns. It is intimated that the unanimity with which the Northern voters supported Dulany, will prejudice the natives against them. No fears need be entertained upon that score, as far as this section of the county is concerned, at least. For as long as they continue to support men of his stamp, (be he Whig or Democrat,) we can trust them, and have no fears as to their loyalty to the South. Was it the Northern vote of Fairfax that gave Brent, the Union candidate, 660 majority in Alexandria? Was it the Northern vote of Fairfax that elected the Union candidates in Loudoun by 1690 majority, and in Fauquier by 783 majority? Was it the Northern vote of Fairfax that swept over the State like a tornado, bearing down all opposition, electing Union men in almost every county, city, town, and borough, by the most unprecedented majorities ever given in the State? Why, if all these mighty results have been brought about by three hundred Northern voters in old Fairfax, what an immense influence they must wield in the future destiny of our good old mother. Now, the truth is, the masses North and South, East and West, have been led by party until they have severed our glorious Union, (at least for the present, for I don't believe it will be *final*,) and brought ruin and misery upon thousands of our once happy and prosperous people; and they have, at last, risen in their strength, and resolved to tear off the shackles that have so long bound them to party, and wrought their ruin; and in future to think for themselves and vote for themselves. Hence the mighty revolution now going on, throughout the length and breadth of our land, in the minds of the people. Mark it, the *Union*, the Union, will be the watch word in future. The people are speaking through the ballot box, and will be heard.

Mr. Moss is my personal friend; a high minded, honorable gentleman; and if I mistake not, he would be the last man in the county, who, by word or act, would try to convey the idea that Wm. H. Dulany is not as true to the South as he is.

I have made it a rule through life to defend the oppressed, and believing, as I do, that there is an effort making to misrepresent our Northern population, I have thus written, and will thank other papers in our vicinity, in justice to this class of our population, to copy. Respectfully, your friend,

W. W. BALL.

Woodbury, Fairfax County, Feb. 12.