There can be no question, we think, that the fate of the South, within the Union, has received great attention by the recent attack on the slave trade, by the party of the North, against the authors of this conspiracy, against the abettors of conspiracy, and against the teachers of the inflammatory doctrines of which these are the natural consequences. The South can afford to rest within her own defenses, and has no need to change the issue by raising questions of doubtful right and unconstitutional construction, to give fictitious strength to the South. The storm of criticism which has been raised against the South by the North will have been met by the South, as the result of some of the excited journals of the South have advised, is of demanding from the Government of other States the rendition of persons who are thought to be implicated as parties to the South's plot, that they may be tried in Virginia for conspiracy, and conspire, and conspiracy and murder. Gerrit Smith, of New York, and Giddings, of Ohio, are specially named, as criminals who ought to be immediately demanded; and some of our esteemed brethren in the South have been asked to present, by making it a vital question, that these States must be made to give up these men at once.

Gov. Wise of Virginia, who is not usually behind the scenes when the South for her rights, has stated that he does not favor the motion. In a late speech at Richmond, he said: "If any one should shingle Gerrit Smith come night and bring him to me, I would read him a moral lecture of his crime. A government may be the only instrument to stop such a crusade, and it would be unwise to fail and, if it should succeed, would embarrass us more than failure."

Giddings and Smith would desire no better position—for giving them such a chance, beyond the power of the Abolitionists, within the free States, than to be made the subject of a formal demand for transfer to Virginia, to be tried for anything they may have done within the jurisdiction of the State. The Governor of either of those States would admit the right to demand, or the obligation to deliver, under such circumstances; and that the "conspiracy," as alleged, is a mere conversion of the doctrine of the South, upon the subject of the several rights under the federal constitution, and their duties towards those under the laws and compact of the Union, and that on these points the division against the South would be very different from what it would be on the question, as it now stands, of conspiracy, invasion, riot, and destruction, and is the moral power of a mighty public opinion, which is directing itself against the author and teachers of these insidious practices.

Gov. Wise says, we hope, too discreet to make

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

At Castine, Maine, July 31, 1853:

FRED TREBON;

In the name of God, Amen, I do hereby appoint you the</p>
such a great mistake of policy, even if he could persuade himself that he has the right to make the demand which is asked for; and we are inclined to think, if the case is presented to him, requiring his examination and decision, he will decide it to be a right too questionable, to say the least of it, to be asserted with the intent of making it an issue between States.

Books.—The publishers, Sheldon & Co., New York, have obliged us with the following new works, small volumes, well printed and bound:

"Emile, the Peacemaker," by Mrs. Thos. Geldart; "Sunday Morning Thoughts," or great truths in plain words; and "Sunday Evening Thoughts," by the same writer.

These works can be had at the Presbyterian Bookstore, 126 Camp street.

Messrs. Bloomfield & Steel, booksellers, 60 Camp street, have obliged us, from the publishers, Dick & Fitzgerald, New York, with two neatly got up volumes that will be very acceptable to families: The "Corner Cupboard," a miscellany of useful knowledge, by the author of "Inquire Within," and "The Reason Why," illustrated with a thousand engravings and containing a large amount of varied, curious and useful information; also "Parlor Theatricals," or winter evenings' entertainments, containing directions to fit up a parlor theatre, with engravings and diagrams, and a number of acting proverbs, dramatic charades and pantomimes, musical burlesques, tableaux vivants, &c.

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[Special Correspondence of the Picayune]

By this time you have received the late elections in California. The total hundred and three thousand. The