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## THE POLES IN PHILADELPHIA.

They Maintain a Stiff Upper Lip on the  
Subject of the Constitution of 1791.

Mr. Alex. Bednowski of San Francisco, member of the Polish Society of California, has furnished the following communication to the ALTA :

The Polish Patriots, residents of Philadelphia, having assembled on the 3d inst. in Northern Liberty Hall for the celebration of the Polish Constitution of May 3d, 1791, adopted the following resolutions, which have been published in some dailies of that city, and which you may be pleased to give room in the columns of your worthy paper :

1. That we look upon the Constitution of May 3d, 1791, as the establishment of the only legal Government of Poland.

2. That the forcible overthrow and subsequent dismemberment of Poland by Russia, Austria and Prussia, aided by a few domestic traitors, we consider the greatest violation of human and divine rights in modern history, a crime leading toward many political woes, and perhaps to culminate in a Communistic revolution in Europe.

3. That while deprecating assassination as unchristian, we sympathize with the revolutionary party in Russia, and consider their cause as common with ours, and base our hopes of the deliverance of Poland upon an outbreak in Russia or the overthrow of the Ozarina.

4. That while some of our countrymen have been compelled, by the iron rod of despotism to sign declarations to the Emperor of Russia, we Poles in free America declare to the world that we are

and shall forever be true to the principles of our Constitution of May 3d, as the only organic law of that country, and that until Poland recovers her independence from Russia, Austria and Prussia, we shall deem revolution and a recourse to arms at the first opportunity, as our national right and our sacred duty.

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