



Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty,  
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Primary Maker  
Thomas Nast

Medium  
Wood engraving on newsprint

Description  
Guard dog with collar reading "U.S." stands next to a box labelled "State Treasury / Excelsior / \$ / for the / Public Schools." Man leaning over a wall to the right of the box holds a sack reading "Parochial / schools may / be admitted to / the benefits / of the / common school / system subject / to its laws." Behind the man are signs about the school system, and two paragraphs titled "Board of Education, Please / Take Notice." are typeset in black ink in the upper left corner of illustration. Captioned "PUBLIC WATCH-DOG (that don't care about having Father WALKER administer the Sacraments to him). 'If you think to stop my mouth, you will be greatly mistaken. This / sudden kindness at your hands will only make me more watchful, lest under these unexpected favors to myself you have some private ends to accomplish for your own / benefit, and for my master's injury.'--AESOP." typeset beneath title in black ink.

Dimensions  
Composition: 10 9/16 x 9 1/16 in. (26.8 x 23 cm) Sheet: 15 13/16 x 10 7/8 in. (40.2 x 27.6 cm)