the cities? But you tell me that all this was commanded by urgent necessity. Indeed! Is the necessity of restoring the true life and elements of the Union less urgent than the necessity of imprisoning a traitor or stopping a Secession newspaper? [Applause.] Will nonexistence be less worthy of this enlightened century. It humane idea, worthy of this enlightened century. But how ought to be carried out wherever practicable. But how much greater and more commendable would it be if so much greater and more commendable would it be if applied to a people instead of an individual! As for me, it will be to me supremely indifferent whether any of the Rebels meet a punishment adequate to their crime, provided the great principle can only be punished to it-vided the great principle can only be punished to itself. [Cheers.] The best revenge for the past is that self. [Cheers.] The best revenge for the past is that which furnishes us the best assurance for the future.—which furnishes us the best assurance for the future.—(Applause) And how can we lose this great opportunity? (Applause) And how can we lose this great opportunity? How can we throw away this glorious privilege we enjoy, of putting down a rebellion by enlarging liberty, and of punishing treason by re-establishing order? (Cheers) What hinders you? It is not the Constitution! Its voice is clear, unmistakable, and encouraging. This time the Constitution refuses to serve as a mask to cover the time the Constitution refuses to serve as a mask to cover the wounds of Slavery. Or is bid timidity or secret tenderness for Slavery. Or is bid timidity or secret tenderness for Slavery. Or is there really anything frightful to you in the idea, which we hear so frequently expressed, that every measure touching Slavery should irritate the rebels very much, and make them very angry? (Laughter and Cheering.) Irritate them and make them angry! I should not wonder. Every cannon shot you fire at them, every gallder. Every cannon shot you fire at them, every gallant that shells their fortifications, every bayonet charge that breaks their lines, makes them I have no doubt, quite angry. [Continued laughter.] It may be justly supposed that every forward movement of our troops has upon them quite an irritating effect. [Great laughter.] supposed that every forward movement of our troops has upon them quite an irritating effect. [Great laughter.] "Fort Donelson." If you want to see them smile, you must let them alone entirely. But will you therefore, lend your muskets with sweet smiles, stop the advance of your battalions, and run your navy ashore?—It must be confessed, they have never shown such tender regards for our institutions. But what will this measure make them say or angry? Reasons it will, in the end, make them powerless for mischief. And if we can attain so desirable an end by doing this, will it not be but to support their anger with equanimity, and do it? support their anger with equanimity, and do it? [Cheering.] I never heard of a man who, when assaulted by a robber, would refrain from disarming him because it might create unpleasant feelings. [Applause.] But, in the latter, the feelings of the robber will be rather short-lived. It will die out with Slavery.

I have endeavored to set forth that the reformation of Southern society—resulting from this measure is the only thing that will make of the Southern people our sincere friends. Why not risk a short irritation for a lasting friendship? [Cheers.] But while I am little inclined to pay much regard to the feelings of the rebels, who would delight in cutting our throats, I deem it our duty to treat with respect the opinion of the loyal men of the South, on whose fidelity the whole of Europe is looking for the blood of a number of miserable individuals? No not say that you want to make an example; for if you stop the source of treason no warning examples to frighten traitors will be needed. [Loud cheers.] Or do you prefer imprisonment? The imprisonment of the rebel leaders may very well go along with confiscation, and as to the imprisonment of the masses, nobody will think of it. Or do you prefer banishment? ["Yes."] How of it. Or do you prefer banishment? ["Yes."] How would it please you to see Europe overrun with "exiles from America," blackening your character and defiling your Government at every street-corner, and incessantly engaged in plotting against their country? And what effect will these modes of punishment have upon the Southern people? Either you are severe in applying them, and then you will excite violent resentments, or you are not severe, and then your penalties will frighten nobody, and fall of the object of serving as a warning example. In neither case will you make friends.

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