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Counting the Cost. This Republican Legislature is about to pass an act appropriating a large sum of money—say a million of dollars to begin with—to raise and equip an army to subdue the South. If this fatal step is taken, it will only be the commencement of vast expenditures of the public money. After an army is equipped it must be supported at the expense of some millions of dollars a year.

If the people are not prepared to surrender their sons as food for gunpowder and be taxed to death for the benefit of the Republican party, they must speak out at once in earnest protest against the appropriation of any money for warlike purposes.

Shall We have Union with Peace, or Disunion with Civil War?

The indisposition of Congress to propose some practical means of settling our National difficulties renders it the next thing to certain that Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and probably Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas will follow South Carolina out of the Union.

ARGUMENTS against the right of secession, however conclusive they may be, and fearful denunciations of the precipitate course of the secession leaders, however deserved they may appear, do not bring us any nearer a settlement of our difficulties or tend to avert disunion.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON. Correspondence of the Patriot and Union. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4, 1861. The state of things in this city is unchanged since my last letter—except, perhaps, in the single fact that the chances of any adjustment of our National difficulties, by the intervention of Congressional caucuses or committees, is more remote than when I wrote last.

The discretion of the Administration is limited to the performance of certain prescribed duties. It should act with forbearance, and do every thing within its sphere to avert the terrible calamity of civil conflict; but when a State takes the initiative by levying war against the Government, it cannot choose but resist.

The questions of peace or war, of union or disunion, are not committed to the executive branch of the Government for determination. The representatives of the people in Congress and the legislatures of the several States must settle the fate of this Union. They are called upon to say whether it shall continue in peace or end in blood.

ONE of the great questions in the present controversy is, whether the Constitution recognizes a slave as property. Now, although we contend that this has been decided in the affirmative by every branch of the Government again and again, there are those who stoutly dispute it, yet say they are willing to abide by the decisions of the Supreme Court, to their full extent.

THE NATIONAL CRISIS. FORTIFICATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES. Subjoined is a list of fortifications, taken from Col. Totten's report made to Congress a few years ago, giving the cost of each, and the number of guns they respectively mounted.

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE. Governor Burton, in his message to the Legislature of that State, reviews at some length the aggressive spirit exhibited by the North towards the South, and maintains the forcible arguments the necessity for each State to enforce the laws and comply fully with the letter and spirit of the constitution, as the only means whereby the Union can be preserved.

LETTER FROM ONE OF THE COMMITTEES OF THIRTY-THREE. Hon. Warren Wisniewski, of North Carolina, one of the committee of thirty-three, has published an address to his constituents, in which he says: I feel constrained to say that I think there is no hope in congressional action. If it should

he thought that a resort to a convention of the States is proper, that is for North Carolina, by her Legislature, or in solemn convention of her people, to determine. The constitution has not conferred upon the Congress the power to call one.

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