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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Having been convened on an extraordinary occasion, as authorized by the Constitution, your attention is not called to any ordinary subject of legislation.

At the beginning of the Presidential term, four months ago, the functions of the Federal Government were found to be generally suspended within the several States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida, excepting only of the Post-Office Department.

Within these States, all the forts, arsenals, dock-yards, custom-houses, and the like, including the movable and stationary property in and about them, had been seized, and were held in open hostility to this Government, excepting only Fort Pickens, Taylor, and Jefferson, on and near the Florida coast, and Fort Sumter, in Charleston harbor, South Carolina. The forts thus seized had been out in improved condition, new ones had been built, and armed forces had been organized, and were organizing, all avowedly with the same hostile purpose.

The forts remaining in the possession of the Federal Government in and near these States were either besieged or, in some instances, surrounded, and especially Fort Sumter was nearly surrounded, by well-protected hostile batteries with guns equal in quality to the best of its own, and outnumbering the latter as perhaps ten to one. A disproportionate share of the Federal munitions and rifles had somehow found their way into these States, and had been seized to be used against the Government.

Accumulations of the public revenue, lying within them, had been seized for the same object. The Navy was scattered in distant seas, leaving but a very small part of it within the immediate reach of the Government.

Officers of the Federal army had resigned in great numbers, and of those resigning a large portion had taken up arms against the Government. Simultaneously and in common with all this, the purpose to sever the Federal Union was openly avowed.

In accordance with this purpose, an ordinance had been adopted in each of these States, declaring the States respectively to be separated from the National Union. A formula for instituting a combined Government of these States had been promulgated, and this illegal organization, in the character of the "Confederate States," was already invoking recognition, aid, and intervention from foreign Powers.

Finding this condition of things, and believing it to be an imperative duty upon the incoming Executive to prevent, if possible, the consummation of such an attempt to destroy the Federal Union, a choice of means to that end became indispensable. This choice was made, and was declared in the inaugural address. The policy chosen looked to the extension of all peaceful measures before a resort to any stronger one. It sought only to hold the public places and property not already wrested from the Government, and to collect the revenue, relying for the rest on time, discussion, and the ballot-box; it promised a continuance of the mails, at Government expense, to the very people who were resisting the Government, and it gave repeated pledges against any disturbances to any of the people or any of their rights, of all that which a President might constitutionally and justifiably do in such a case; everything was forbore, without which it was believed possible to keep the Government on foot.

On the 5th of March, the present incumbent's first full day in office, a letter from Major Anderson, commanding at Fort Sumter, written on the 28th February, and received at the War Department on the 4th of March, was by that Department placed in his hands.

This letter expresses the professional opinion of the writer, that reinforcements could not be thrown into that fort within the time for his relief, rendered necessary by the limited supply of provisions, and with a view of holding possession of the same, with a force of less than 20,000 good and well-disciplined men.

The officers of his command, and their memoranda on the subject were made inclosures of Major Anderson's letter. The whole was immediately laid before Lieutenant-General Scott, who at once conferred with Major Anderson in his opinion.

On reflection, however, he took full time, consulting with other officers, both of the Army and the Navy, and at the end of four days came reluctantly but decidedly to the same conclusion as before. He also stated, at the same time, that no such sufficient force was then at the control of the Government or could be raised and brought to the ground within the time when provisions in the fort would be exhausted. In a purely military point of view, this advised the duty of the Administration in the case to the mere matter of getting the garrison safely out of the fort.

It was believed, however, that to so abandon that position, under the circumstances, would be utterly ruinous; that the necessity under which it was to be done would not be fully understood; that by many it would be construed as a part of a voluntary policy; that at home it would discourage the friends of the Union, embolden its adversaries, and go far to insure the latter a recognition and aid, in fact, it would be our national destruction consummated.

This could not be allowed. Starvation was not yet upon the garrison, and it would be reached, Fort Pickens might be re-occupied. This last would be a clear indication of policy, and would enable the country to accept the evacuation of Fort Sumter as a military necessity. All orders were at once directed to be sent for the launching of the troops from the steamship Brooklyn into Fort Pickens. The order could not go by land, but must take the longer and surer route by sea.

The first return news from the order was received just one week before the fall of Sumter. The news itself was that the officer commanding the Seabee, to which vessel the troops had been transferred from the Brooklyn, acting upon some quasi armistice of the late Administration, and of the existence of which the present Administration, up to the time the order was dispatched, had only vague and uncertain rumors to fix attention, had refused to send the troops. It now re-occupied Fort Pickens before a crisis would be reached at Fort Sumter, was impossible, rendered so by the near exhaustion of provisions in the latter-named fort.

In precaution against such a contingency the Government had a few days before commenced preparing an expedition, as well adapted as might be to relieve Fort Sumter, which expedition was intended to be ultimately used or not, according to current circumstances. The strongest anticipated case for using it was now presented, and it was resolved to send it forward, as had been intended.

In the contingency it was also resolved to notify the Governor of South Carolina, that he might expect an attempt would be made to provision the fort, and that if the attempt should not be resisted, there would be no attempt to throw in men, arms, or ammunition, without further notice, or in case of an attack upon the fort. This notice was accordingly given, whereupon the fort was attacked and bombarded to its fall, without even awaiting the arrival of the provisioning expedition.

It is thus seen that the assault upon, and reduction of, Fort Sumter, was in no sense a matter of self-defense on the part of the assailants. They well knew that the garrison in the fort could, by no possibility, commit aggression upon them; they knew they were expressly notified that the giving of bread to the few brave and hungry men of the garrison was all which would on that occasion be attempted, unless themselves, by resisting so much, should provoke more.

They knew that this Government desired to keep the garrison in the fort, not to assault them, but merely to maintain visible possession, and thus to preserve the Union from actual and immediate dissolution, trusting as herein before stated, to time, discussion, and the ballot-box for final adjustment, and they assailed and reduced the fort, for precisely the reverse object, to drive out the visible authority of the Federal Union and thus force it to immediate dissolution; that this was their object, the Executive well understood, and having said to them in the Inaugural Address: "You can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors."

He took pains not only to keep this declaration good, but also to keep the case so far from ingenious sophistry as that the world should not misunderstand it. By the affair at Fort Sumter, with its surrounding circumstances, that point was reached. Then and thereby the assault of arms without a gun in sight or in expectancy to return their fire, save only the few that the fort sent to that harbor years before, for their own protection, and still ready to give that protection to whatever was lawful. In this act, discharging all else, they have forced upon the country the distinct issue—immediate dissolution or blood. And this issue embraces more than the fate of these United States. It presents to the whole family of man the question whether a constitutional republic, or democracy, a government of the people, by the same people, can or cannot maintain its territorial integrity against its own domestic foes.

It presents the question whether discontented individuals, too few in numbers to control the administration according to the organic law in any case, can always upon pretenses made in this case or any other pretenses, break up their government, and thus practically put an end to free government upon the earth. It forces us to ask, "Is there in all republics this inherent and fatal weakness?" Must a government of necessity be too strong for the liberties of its own people, or too weak to maintain its own existence?

So viewing the issue, no choice was left but to call out the war power of the Government, and so to resist the force employed for its destruction by its own preservation. The call was made, and the response of the country was most gratifying, surpassing in unanimity and spirit the most sanguine expectations. Yet none of the States commonly called Slave States, except Delaware, gave a regiment through the regular State organization. A few regiments have been organized within some of those States by individual enterprise and received into the Government service.

Of course the seceded States, so called, and to which Texas had been joined about the time of the inauguration, gave no troops to the cause of the Union. The Border States, so called, were not uniform in their action, some of them being almost for the Union, while in others, such as in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas, the Union sentiment was nearly repressed and silenced. The course taken in Virginia was the most remarkable, perhaps the most important.

A Convention elected by the people of that State to consider the issue of seceding from the Federal Union was assembled at the capital of Virginia when Fort Sumter fell. To this body the people had chosen a large majority of pro-Union men. Almost immediately after the fall of Sumter, many members of that majority went over to the original Disunion minority, and with them a large ordinance for withdrawing the State from the Union.

Whether this change was wrought by their great approval of the assault upon Sumter, or their great resentment at the Government's resistance to that assault, is an open question. It is not possible to submit the ordinance for ratification to a vote of the people to be taken on a day then somewhat more than a month distant, the Convention and the Legislature, which was also in session at the same time and place, with leading men of the State, not men of either, immediately commenced acting as if the State was already out of the Union.

They pushed military preparations vigorously forward all over the State. They seized the United States Army, Harper's Ferry, and the Navy Yard at Gosport, near Norfolk. They received, perhaps invited, into their State large bodies of troops with their warlike appointments from the so-called Seceded States. They entered into a treaty of temporary alliance with the so-called Confederate States and sent members to their Congress, at Montgomery, and finally they permitted the insurrectionary Government to be transferred to their Capital at Richmond.

The people of Virginia have since allowed this giant insurrection to make its nest within her borders, and this Government has no choice left but to deal with it where it finds it, and it has the less to regret as the loyal citizens have done for them claimed its protection. These loyal citizens this Government is bound to recognize and protect as being in Virginia. In the Border States, so called, in fact the Middle States, there are those who favor a policy which they call an armed neutrality; that is, an arming of those States to prevent the Union forces passing one way or the other of the border, over the soil. This would be disunion completed, figuratively speaking. It would be the building of an impassable wall along the line of separation, and yet not quite an impassable one, for under the guise of neutrality it would tie the hands of the Union men, and freely pass supplies from among them to the insurrectionists, which it could not do as an open enemy. At a stroke it would take all the trouble out of the hands of secession, except only what proceeds from the external blockade. It would do for the disunionists that which of all things, they most desire—feed them well, and give them disunion without a struggle of their own. It recognizes no fidelity to the Constitution, no obligation to maintain the Union; and, while very many who have favored it are doubtless loyal, it is nevertheless very injurious in effect.

Recurring to the action of the Government, it may be stated that at first a call was made for seventy-five thousand militia, and rapidly following this a proclamation was issued for closing the ports of the insurrectionary districts by proceedings in the nature of a blockade. So far, all this was believed to be strictly legal.

At this point, the insurrectionists announced their purpose, to enter upon the practice of privateering. Other calls were made for volunteers to serve three years, unless sooner discharged, and also for large additions to the regular army and navy. These measures, whether strictly legal or not, were ventured upon under what appeared to be a popular demand, and a public necessity, trusting, then, as now, that Congress would readily ratify them. It is believed that nothing has been done beyond the constitutional competence of Congress.

Soon after the first call for militia, it was considered a duty to authorize the Commanding General in proper cases, according to his discretion, to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, or in other words, to arrest and detain, without resort to the ordinary processes and forms of law, such individuals as he might deem dangerous to the public safety. This authority has purposely been exercised but very sparingly. Nevertheless, the legality and propriety of what has been done under it are questioned, and the attention of the country has been called to the proposition that one who is sworn to take care that the laws be faithfully executed should not himself violate them. Of course some consideration was given to the question of power and propriety, before this matter was acted on.

The whole of the laws which were required to be faithfully executed were being resisted, and failing of execution in nearly one-third of the States. Must they be allowed to finally fall of execution, even had it been perfectly clear that, by the use of the means necessary to their execution, some single law, made in such extreme tenderness of the citizens' liberty, that, practically, it reserves more to the guilty than to the innocent, should, to a very limited extent, be violated?

To state the question more directly, are the laws but one to go unexecuted, and the Government itself go to pieces, because in such a case would not the official oath be broken, when it was sworn to be observed, and the single law would tend to pacify the position was presented. It was not believed that any law was violated. The privilege of the Constitution to exercise the power of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when, in case of rebellion or invasion, the public safety does require it. It was decided that we have a case of rebellion, and that the public safety does require the qualified suspension of the privilege of the writ, which was authorized to be made.

Now it is insisted that Congress, and not the Executive, is vested with this power. But the Constitution itself is silent on this subject; and the provision in the latter part of the act, which is hereafter made for a dangerous emergency, it cannot be believed that the framers of the instrument intended that in every case the power should run its course.

Congress could be called together, the very assembling of which might be prevented, as was intended in this case by the rebellion. No more extended argument is now offered, as an opinion at some length will probably be presented by the Attorney General. Whether there shall be any legislation upon the subject, and if any, what, is submitted entirely to the better judgment of Congress, and if any, what, is submitted entirely to the better judgment of Congress. The forbearance of this Government had been so extraordinary and so long continued as to lead some foreign nations to shape their action as if they supposed the early destruction of our National Union was probable. While that, on discovery, gave the Executive some concern, he is now happy to say that the sovereignty and rights of the United States are now everywhere practically respected by foreign Powers, and a general sympathy with the country is manifested throughout the world.

The reports of the Secretaries of the Treasury, War, and the Navy, will give the information in detail deemed necessary and convenient for your deliberation and action, while the Executive and all the departments will stand ready to supply commissions, or communicate new facts considered important for you to know.

It is now recommended that you give the legal means for making this contest a short and a decisive one; that you place at the control of the Government, for the work, at least 400,000 men and \$100,000,000. That number of men is about one-tenth of those of proper ages within the regions where apparently all are willing to engage, and the sum is less than a twenty-third part of the money value owned by the men who seem ready to devote the whole.

The debt of \$600,000,000 now is a less sum per head than was the debt of our own Revolution, when we came out of that struggle; and the money value in the country now bears even a greater proportion to what it was then than does the population. Surely each man has a strong motive now to preserve our liberties as each had then to establish them. A right result at this time will be worth more to the world than ten times the men and ten times the money. The evidence reaching us from the country leaves no doubt that the material for the work is abundant, and that it needs only the hand of legislation to give it legal sanction, and the hand of the Executive to give it practical shape and efficiency. One of the greatest perplexities of the Government is to avoid receiving troops faster than providing for them. In a word, the people will save the Government if the Government itself will do its part only indifferently well.

It might seem, at first thought, to be of little difference whether the present movement at the South be called secession or rebellion. The movers, however, well understand the difference. At the beginning they knew they could never raise their treason to any respectable magnitude by any name which implies viola-

tion of law. They knew their people possessed as much of moral sense, as much of devotion to law and order, and as much pride in, and reverence for, the history and Government of their common country as any other civilized and patriotic people. They knew they could make no advancement directly in the teeth of these strong and noble sentiments. Accordingly, they commenced by an insidious debauching of the public mind. They invented an ingenious sophism which, if conceded, was followed by perfectly logical steps through all the incidents to the complete destruction of the Union.

The sophism itself is that any State of the Union may, consistently with the National Constitution, and therefore lawfully and peacefully, withdraw from the Union, without the consent of the Union or of any other State. The little disguise, that the supposed right is to be exercised only for a just cause, because they themselves are to be the sole judges of its justice, is too thin to merit any notice.

With rebellion thus sugar coated, they have been dragging the public mind of their section for more than thirty years, and until at length they have brought many good men to a willingness to take up arms against the Government, the day after some assemblage of men have avowed the forcible presence of taking their State out of the Union, who could have brought to no such thing the day before.

This sophism derives much, perhaps the whole of its currency, from the assumption that there is some omnipotent and sacred principle pertaining to the State, to each State of the Federal Union, which shall have "either more or less" power than that reserved to them in the Constitution; no one of them ever having been a State out of the Union, and no one of them ever being a British colony, and the new ones each coming into the Union directly from an emigration of dependence, except Texas; and even Texas in its temporary independence, and never designated a State. The new ones only took the designation of States on coming into the Union, while that name was first applied to the old ones in and by the Declaration of Independence. This in itself is a fatal weakness, and to be regarded as such. But even the object plainly was not to declare their independence of one another, or of the Union, but directly the contrary, as their mutual pledge and their mutual action, before at the time, and afterwards, simultaneously show. The express pledge of faith, by each and all the original thirteen, in the Articles of Confederation, two years later, that "the Union shall be perpetual," is most conclusive. Having never been States, either in substance or in name outside of the Union, when asserting the omnipotence of State Rights as to the sovereignty of the States, but in the word, even, is not in the National Constitution, nor as is believed, in any of the State Constitutions. What is the sovereignty, in the political sense of the term? Would it be far wrong to define it "a political community without a political superior?" Tested by this, no one of our States except Texas ever was a sovereignty, and even Texas gave up the character on coming into the Union, by which act she acknowledged the Constitution of the United States, and the laws and treaties of the United States, made in pursuance of the Constitution, to be for her the supreme law of the land. The States have their status in the Union, and they have no other legal status. If they break from this, they can only do so against law, and by revolution. The Union, and not themselves separated, produced their independence and their liberty. By conquest or purchase, the Union gave them whatever of independence and liberty they had. The Union is older than any of the States, and in fact it created them as States. Originally, some dependent colonies made the Union, and, in turn, the Union threw off their old dependence for them and made them States, such as they are. Not one of them ever had a State Constitution independent of the Union.

Of course, it is not forgotten that all the new States framed their Constitutions before they entered the Union; nevertheless dependent upon, and preparatory to coming into the Union.

Unquestionably, the States have the powers and rights reserved to them in and by the National Constitution; but among these, surely are not included all conceivable powers, however mischievous or destructive, but, at most, such only as are known in the world as governmental powers, and certainly a power to destroy the Government itself had never known as governmental or merely administrative power.

This relative matter of national power and State rights as a principle is no other than the principle of generality and locality.

Whatever concerns the whole should be confided to the whole, to the General Government; while whatever concerns only the State should be left exclusively to the State. This is all there is of original principle about it. Whether the National Constitution, in defining boundaries between the two, has applied the principle with exact accuracy, is not to be questioned. We are also bound by that defining, without question. What is now

combated is the position that secession is consistent with the Constitution, is lawful and peaceful. It is not contended that there is any express law for it, and nothing should ever be implied as law which leads to unjust or absurd consequences.

The nation purchased with money the countries out of which several of these States were formed. Is it just that they shall go off without leave and without reimbursement? The nation paid very large sums—in the aggregate, I believe, of a hundred millions—to relieve Florida of the aboriginal tribes. Is it just that she shall now go off without consent or without making any return? The nation is now in debt for money applied for the benefit of these so-called seceded States in common with the rest. Is it just either that creditors shall go unpaid, or the remaining States pay the whole? Part of the present national debt was contracted to pay the old debts of Texas. Is it just that she shall leave and pay no part of this herself?

Again, if one State may secede, so may another, and when all shall have seceded, none is left to pay the debts. Is this quite just to creditors? Did we notify them of this sage view of ours when we borrowed their money? If we now recognize this doctrine by allowing the seceders to go in peace, it is difficult to see what we can do if others choose to go, or to export terms upon which they will promise to remain.

The seceders insist that our Constitution admits of secession. They have assumed to make a national constitution of their own, in which of necessity they have either discarded or retained the right of secession as their basis, if it exists in ours. If they have discarded it, they thereby admit that on principle it ought not to be in ours. If they have retained it, they show that to be consistent they must secede from one another, whenever they shall find it the easiest way of settling their debts, or effecting any other selfish or unjust object. The principle itself is one of disintegration, and upon which no Government can possibly endure.

If all the States save one should assert the power to drive that one out of the Union, it is presumed the whole class of greater politicians would at once declare their outrage upon state rights. It is supposed that precisely the same act, instead of being called driving the one out, should be called the seceding of the others from that one, it would be exactly what the seceders claim to do, unless, indeed, they make the point that the one, because it is a minority, may rightfully do what the other because they are a majority may not rightfully do. These politicians are subtle and profound on the rights of minorities; they are not partial to that power which made the Constitution, and speaks from the preamble, calling it "The People." It may well be questioned whether there is to-day a majority of the legally-qualified voters of any State except, perhaps, South Carolina, in favor of disunion. There is much reason to believe that the Union men are the majority in many, if not in every other one of the so-called seceded States. As the contrary has not been demonstrated in any one of them, it is ventured to affirm this, even of Virginia and Tennessee, and the result of an election held in military camps, where the bayonets were all on one side of the question, voted upon, can scarcely be considered as a demonstration of popular sentiment. At such an election all that large class who are not at once for the Union and against coercion would be coerced to vote against the Union.

It may be affirmed, without extravagance, that the free institutions we enjoy have developed the power and improved the condition of our whole people, beyond any example in the world. Of this we now have a striking and impressive illustration. So large an army as the Government has now on foot was never before known, without a soldier in it but who had taken his place there of his own free choice. But, more than this, there are many single regiments whose members, one and another, possess full practical knowledge of all the arts, sciences, professions, and whatever else, whether useful or elegant, is known in the world; and there is scarcely one from which there could not be selected a President, a Cabinet, a Congress, and perhaps a court abundantly competent to administer the Government itself. Nor do I say this is not true also of the army of our late friends, now adversaries in this contest. But if it is, so much better the reason why the Government which has conferred such benefits on both them and us should not be broken up. Whoever, in any action, proposes to abandon such a Government, would do well to consider in deference to what principle it is that he does it. What better he is likely to get in its stead. Whether the substitute will give, or be intended to give, so much of good to the people? There are some fore-shadows on this subject. Our adversaries have adopted some declarations of independence, in which, unlike the good old one, penned by Jefferson, they omit the words, "All men are created equal."

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of view the rights of men and the authority of the people?

This is essentially a people's contest. On the side of the Union it is a struggle for maintaining in the world that form and substance of government whose leading object is to elevate the condition of men; to lift artificial weights from all shoulders; to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all; to afford all an unfettered start, and a fair chance in the race of life.

Yielding to partial and temporary departures from necessity, this is the leading object of the Government for whose existence we contend.

I am most happy to believe that the plain people understand and appreciate this. It is worthy of note that, while in this, the Government's hour of trial, large numbers of those in the army and navy who have been favored with the offices have resigned, and proved false to the hand which had pampered them, not one common soldier or common sailor is known to have deserted his flag. Great honor is due to those officers who remained true despite the example of their treacherous associates. But the great honor and most important fact of all is the uncommon firmness of the common soldiers and common sailors. To the last man, so far as known, they have successfully resisted the traitorous efforts of those whose commands but an hour before they obeyed as absolute law. This is the patriotic instinct of plain people. They understand, without an argument, that the destroying of the Government which was made by Washington means no good to them. Our popular Government has often been called an experiment. Two points in it our people have already established—the successful establishing and successful administering of it. One still remains—its successful maintenance against a formidable attempt to overthrow it. It is for them to demonstrate to the world that those who can fairly carry an election can also suppress a rebellion; that ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors of bullets, and that when ballots have fairly and constitutionally decided there can be no successful appeal back to bullets; that there can be no successful appeal except to ballots themselves at succeeding elections. [Such will be a great lesson of peace, teaching men what they cannot take by a election, neither can they take the legions of war.]

Let there be some uneasiness in the minds of candid men as what is to be the course of the Government towards the Southern States after the rebellion shall have been suppressed, the Executive deems it proper to say it will be his purpose then, as ever, to be guided by the Constitution and the laws, and that he probably would have no different understanding of the powers and duties of the Federal Governments relative to the rights of the States and the people, under the Constitution, than expressed in the Inaugural Address. He desires to preserve the Government, that it may be administered to all as it was administered by the men who made it. Loyal citizens everywhere have the right to claim this of their Government, and the Government has no right to withhold or neglect it. It is not perceived that in giving it there is any coercion, any conquest or subjugation, in any just sense of the term. The Constitution provides, and all the States have accepted the provision, that the United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of Government. But if a State may lawfully go out of the Union, having done so, it may also discard the republican form of Government; so that, to prevent its going out, it is all-indispensable to use every means to the end of maintaining the guarantee. When an end is lawful and obligatory, the indispensable means to obtain it are also lawful and obligatory.

It was with the deepest regret that the Executive found the duty of employing the war power in defence of the Government forced upon him. He could not perform this duty or surrender the existence of the Government. No compromise by public servants could in this case be made. Not that compromises are not often proper, but that no popular government can long survive a marked precedent, that those who carry an election can only save the Government from immediate destruction by giving up the main point upon which the people gave the election. The people themselves, and not their servants, can safely reverse their own deliberate decisions. As a private citizen, the Executive could not have consented that these institutions shall perish; much less could he, in betrayal of so vast and so sacred a trust as these free people have confided to him.

He felt that he had no moral right to shrink; nor even to count the chances of his own life in what might follow. In full view of his great responsibility, he has so far done what he has deemed his duty. You will now, according to your own judgment, perform yours. He sincerely hopes that your views and your actions may so accord with his as to assure all faithful citizens who have been disturbed in their rights of a certain and speedy restoration to them under the Constitution and the laws.

And having thus shewn our course, without guile and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear, and with manly hearts.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.  
July 4, 1861.