

that we have no constitutional authority to take such action. You need not fear that there is a possibility that we will do so.

If believed by us to be desired by you, we may, by legislation to that effect, give you the opportunity of deciding for yourselves, your own future destiny. We may go thus far, but certainly will not go farther.

We know that the present crisis has materially deranged the usual current of business operations in every department. We shall devote ourselves to the duty of making this change as little inconvenient as possible to our constituents. We invite their scrutiny to our every action. If results do not realise our hopes and anticipations, we ask that you will, at least, extend to us the charity of believing that the failure has occurred from lack of ability, but not of will.

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