

1 I think if you are going to read this
2 language that all government anywhere in the world --
3 it doesn't say that originates from people and is
4 founded on compact -- that is discredited. If we want
5 to say in Maryland we have a compact that this Constitu-
6 tion is a compact between the people of Maryland and
7 those who are elected to represent us, we are saying
8 something which does have a powerful meaning and also
9 supports the second clause which I submit really doesn't
10 unless one wants to read into it that anything about
11 violent revolution, it seems to me on the contrary
12 that it does not. It says that they the people have
13 at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform, or
14 abolish their form of government in such manner as they
15 may deem expedient.

16 It seems to me this doesn't say that some
17 group of people who decide to start a revolt have a
18 right to over-rule the whole of the people. That a fair
19 test of this language means that the people adequately
20 represented as a totality have a right to alter the
21 government. It seems to me that is immensely important