

ed to accumulate must dismember the union. It has fallen to our lot fellow-citizens first to quit our trenches. Let us go on to the assault with cheerful hearts and undaunted minds.

Fellow-citizens, the die is now cast. We have solemnly resolved on the course which it becomes our beloved State to pursue—we have resolved that until these abuses shall be reformed, **NO MORE TAXES SHALL BE PAID HERE.** “Millions for defence but not a cent for tribute.” And now we call upon our citizens, native and adopted, to prepare for the crisis, and to meet it as becomes men and freemen. We call upon all classes and all parties to forget their former differences, and to unite in a solemn determination never to abandon this contest until such a change be effected in the councils of the nation, that all the citizens of this confederacy shall participate equally in the benefits and the burthens of the government. To this solemn duty we now invoke you in the name of all that is sacred and valuable to man. We invoke you in the name of that **LIBERTY** which has been acquired by you from an illustrious ancestry and which it is your duty to transmit unimpaired to the most distant generations. We invoke you in the name of that **CONSTITUTION** which you profess to venerate, and of that **UNION** which you are all desirous to perpetuate. By the reverence you bear to these your institutions—by all the love you bear to liberty—by the detestation you have for servitude—by all the abiding memorials of your past glories—by the proud association of your exalted and your common triumphs in the first and greatest of revolutions—by the force of all those sublime truths which that event has inculcated amongst the nations—by the noble flame of republican enthusiasm which warms your bosoms, we conjure you in this mighty struggle to give your hearts and souls and minds to your injured and oppressed state, and to support her cause publicly and privately, with your opinions, your prayers and your actions. If appeals such as these prove unavailing, we then **COMMAND YOUR OBEDIENCE** to the laws and the authorities of the State by a title which none can gainsay. We demand it by that allegiance, which is reciprocal, with the protection you have received from the State. We admit of no obedience to any authority, which shall conflict with that primary allegiance, which every citizen owes to the State of his birth or his adoption. There is not, nor has there ever been “any direct or immediate