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ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MESSAGE.

Demanded for 400,000 Men and Four Hundred Millions of Dollars.

Fillow Citizens of the State.

Having been entrusted 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 present 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 those 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 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 that were held had been put in a state of disrepair, and were in a condition such as to be almost useless.

At the same time, the government of the United States was in a state of anarchy, and the laws were in a state of suspension.

It was necessary to take prompt measures to restore the government to its normal condition.

The first step was to call for 75,000 men to suppress the rebellion.

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Starvation was not yet upon the nation, and it was not yet upon the nation.

Dickens might be relieved.

This law would be a clear indication of policy, and would better enable the country to accept the evacuation of Fort Sumter as a military necessity.

An order was at once directed to be sent for the landing of the troops from the steamship Brooklyn into Fort Pickens.

This order could not go by land, but must be sent by sea.

The first return news from the other side of the water was that the fleet of the United States had been ordered to proceed to the coast of Florida.

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for their execution some single law, made

in such extreme tenderness of the citizen's

liberty that practically it relieves more of the guilty than of the innocent,

should to a very limited extent be violated?

To state the question more directly, are all the laws but one to go unexecuted, and the government itself go to pieces, less than that of later?

Even in such a case would not the official duty be to know if the government should be overthrown, when it was believed that regarding the single law would tend to preserve it? But it was not believed that this question was presented. It was not believed that any law was violated.

The provision of the constitution that the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it, is equivalent to a provision in a provision that such privilege may be suspended when, in cases 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 suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*.

Now it is not in the power of Congress and not the Executive to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*.

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their union for more than thirty years,

and until at length they have brought many good men to a willingness to take arms against the government the day after some assemblage of men have enacted the facial presence of taking their State out of the Union, who could have been 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 Supremacy pertaining to a State, to each State of our Federal Union.

Our States have neither more nor less power than that reserved to them by the constitution, no one of them ever having been a State out of the Union.

The original ones passed into the Union even before they were their British Colonial dependencies, and the law was not a condition of the Union, but a condition of the States.

And even Texas, in its temporary independence, was not 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.

The United States were never a State, but were declared to be free and independent States, but even then the object, plainly was not to declare their independence of one another, or of the Union, but to declare their independence of the world, as their mutual pledge and their mutual action, before the world, and before the original thirteen of the United States, two years later, that the United States shall be perpetual, unchangeable, and inviolable.

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