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Manly land; and I entertain no fears that their operation will prove to be other than beneficial in all future times. Our Form of Government now, in every respect, exemplifies and vindicates the principles of Liberty. They are the prevailing principles of the age, and distinguish the Institutions of our beloved Country from those of any other in the civilized world. Their influence and tendencies can never be dangerous, so long as they are fortified by the lights of education, and restrained by the solemn obligations of moral law. It is then the imperative duty of those who are to be clothed from time to time with the direction of our public affairs, to use every effort to keep the public mind properly informed; to devise and perfect schemes, which shall place within the reach of every the humblest citizen, the invaluable means of education; to elevate, so far as it can be done, consistently with the letter and spirit of our Laws, the tone of public morals; to encourage love of order by example, and the deliberate, cautious, exactment of penal statutes; to preserve inviolate individual rights and the public faith; to defend, with inexorable determination, the Majesty of the Law; and to protect from the rude grasp of demagogues the independence of those whose peculiar and delicate responsibility it is to uphold it. A Democracy encompassed by peaceful enemies, such as these, is the most secure and the happiest Government that the wisdom and goodness of the Almighty have ever permitted the human intellect to frame.

During the past summer and autumn, our Fellow Citizens have had a abundant reason to be thankful to an overruling Providence for the health which has pervaded all parts of our State, the prosperity which has marked every branch of industry, and the warlike peace and contentment exhibited in all the conditions of life. The resumption of specie payments by the Banks on the 15th of August last has unquestionably contributed largely to this general prosperity. The conduct of these Institutions through the gloomy and perilous period of the suspension; their prompt and unceasing efforts to relieve, to the extent of their abilities, the embarrassments of the community; and to protect the various interests committed to their charge; and their evident anxiety to resume the payment of their obligations in the precious coin, so soon as might be, consistently with higher considerations, entitled them to the respect and confidence of the Legislature, and of every class of our People.

As I consider the vigorous prosecution, and early completion of the works of Internal Improvement; of vital importance to the State, I cannot withhold the expressions of the warmest and deepest solicitude, I feel upon this subject. The spirit of our Republic is the characteristic of this age; it is