

more extended plans immediately connected with your domestic policy. The States are part and parcel, of your National system. They have prospered under its protecting arm. Dissolved and broken they become at once a prey to that foreign intervention and internal strife against which the Father of his Country warned you in his parting address on resigning the cares of office. This wicked rebellion involves alike the crime of suicide and avowed hatred to the success of republican institutions. The prospect before us already reveals the faint glimmer in the horizon of that brighter dawn which is soon to dazzle the world by its splendor. A few weeks, or a few months, may close this drama of human folly in the complete triumph of free principles. The old flag represents to-day every State and every acre of our National domain. In approaching this new epoch and the solemn duties which it imposes, Maryland—regenerated Maryland—rising to the dignity and proportions of her great future, will see cause to bless the occasion when, taking the lead of her sister slaveholding States, she clothed herself in the unstained robes of Freedom.