

others, whose opinions were entitled to respect, causing me at times to hesitate in the correctness of my own, I have never at least hesitated in the object by which I sought to be guided, and whilst striving to discharge my constitutional obligations, have kept steadily in view two considerations inseparably interwoven, and surpassing all others in importance—the salvation of the Union and the prosperity and peace of our own State.

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