

her sister States, in progress and condition, in that great Union, for which she sacrificed so much; which recognizes and is bound to protect the rights of all and each; and which will continue, under the blessing of Providence, to work out its glorious destiny, despite the idle threats and vain fears of those whose only safety is within its ample protection.

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