

the need of a great confederation of free peoples to stop the course of the enemy of all freedom.

We hated the prospect of war with its death, destruction and desolation; but we hated more the prospect either of conquest and enslavement or of living our lives in the shadow of the conqueror in abject terror of future attack. We weighed the dangers to our freedom; we saw the risk of losing it in combat, but, against that risk, we balanced the certainty of losing our freedom through passive submission. We, like you, chose to fight, because in fighting there was hope; in neutrality only despair.

(Then continue with second paragraph of Section 4)