

faction is *an uniform opposition to all the measures proposed by its opponents, whether good or bad, and without offering substitutes.* The more dangerous the crisis, and the more necessary the measures, the more infallible the criterion.

XIV. This characteristic exactly and most indisputably applies to your leaders. The country is on the brink of perdition. Yet they have opposed and defeated every measure devised for our salvation. They appear determined to deliver us tied hand and foot into the power of the enemy, unless they can seize the reins of government.

XV. You profess to be disciples of Washington. The title is a glorious one. Let us test the practices of your leaders, by the holy maxims of Washington. He raised his voice against—warned you to shun—and pronounced the strongest condemnation upon

1. All obstructions, of what kind soever, to the execution of the laws ;
2. All combinations to direct, controul, or awe the constituted authorities ;
3. All insidious efforts to *excite hostility between the different sections of the union ;*
4. And in the most emphatical manner, *all attempts to dissolve the union.*

XVI. But the leaders of your party, particularly in Boston, have

1. Openly obstructed the execution of the laws :—
2. Have combined to controul the constituted authorities ;
3. Have actually excited as dire hostility against the southern states in the breasts of those under their influence in the eastern, as exists between France and England.

And 4. Have been constantly endeavouring by a series of the most inflammatory and violent publications to *prepare the eastern people for a dissolution of the union.*

XVII. In fine, all the steps they take and their whole