

already paid, we hope is not a correct indication of the temper and disposition entertained by the General Government in relation to the aid which they propose to afford, in this war which has been so wantonly waged. Considering that the distribution was peremptorily required by law, to be made according to the effective militia of each state, we know not from whence the President derived his power to dispense with its obligations.

The accumulated evils which have fallen upon the people in consequence of the departure from the principles and policy of Washington, have in a great measure silenced the rage and lessened the asperity of party animosity.

Involved in one common distress, they look upon each other with astonishment and sympathy, and are anxious only for the publick safety.

Depending upon the blessings of Heaven our fathers braved and resisted oppression, and founded this free State upon the principles of civil and religious liberty.

We trust that their Sons have not degenerated—and that they will duly appreciate and defend their precious heritage.

We cordially unite with your Excellency in the “hope that with a fixed attention to the duties imposed by our National and State Constitutions, and with a humble reliance on the Divine protection, the members of this government will at this perplexing period, preserve consistency of conduct, and adhere with undeviating constancy to the principles of Justice and Truth.”