

ed sentiments upon this subject, Great Britain presumes to hold the language of menace, for what purposes it is not difficult to understand. Means are taken to impress public opinion there, strongly, not only of the justice of her claim, but of the vast importance of maintaining it, as a measure of strength and security to the colonies: And what, meantime, is our own Government doing, for the maintenance of our rights, our security, our protection? Is it not time to move efficiently? Shall we gain anything by farther delay? Maine is watching our proceedings with great anxiety. The eyes of all its people are directed towards us. If the State is to be abandoned to its own resources, it does not become me to say what measure it will adopt; but I do say, it desires to be informed *now*, of your ultimate determination; for, upon that, its own course will largely depend. I commend this subject, therefore, earnestly, to the prompt consideration of this House, and of the General Government; and I invoke for the State I represent, that protection which the constitution of the country renders it your duty to afford.