

different sections. Even those friendly to the proposal must see that it is unadvisable to accept it. We are face to face with a condition of things, financially, which will be the subject of discussion in a few days, and it behooves us to be prudent—to pause before imposing additional engagements at this time on the country. Face to face with this state of things, we are not to enter into those large engagements which no reason has been given, and which I pretend no countervailing advantages are offered. I, therefore, cannot give my assent to this proposal.