

a Union, instead of confederation, there never would have been occasion for "*the tremendous struggle and sacrifice*," to which poor Lazarus alludes, with so much childish simplicity. With them there was a necessity, for some kind of political combination. They had no common head, and so they unfortunately agreed to try the dangerous experiment of a confederation, and what has been the result? Just that "*tremendous struggle and sacrifice*," which has made the hair of mankind to stand on end; a struggle in which probably as many human lives as there are now in both the Canadas, have been sacrificed on the blood-stained altar of confederation;—in which such a multitude of young and vigorous men, in the prime of their manhood, have been cut down, that their bodies, if piled up, would make a mound as high as citadel hill, and their blood, if collected in a reservoir, would float a division of the Royal Navy.

England in upwards of two hundred years, contracted her national debt. *This "TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE,"* by the instrumentality of that paradoxical species of union called Confederation, cost the States, in debt and destruction of property, probably more than twice the amount of the national debt, in three years. And a confederation infinitely worse than this, is attempted to be forced, on these now, for the first time in their history, unhappy colonies! How the Ministers and Parliament of Great Britain could perpetrate the madness of attempting to convert these prosperous and peaceable colonies into a confederation, with the example of the *confederated* not *united* States, and the military despotism with which the Southern States are denuded of every political right and liberty, and the overwhelming debt and consequent taxation with which the Northern States are paralyzed, the legitimate fruits of confederation before their eyes, baffles every effort of the human imagination to conceive!

But was there any necessity for disturbing the political relationship of the Colonies to each other? Were they not really more closely united than the States of America were before the "*TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE*?" What united the States? A president elected every four years—a mere bone for all the dogs in the country to fight about! Ever since they had a confederation have they not been afflicted with discord and threatened with civil war?

The Colonies had no President to quarrel about. They had a common Sovereign, who enjoyed the cheerful allegiance of every man in British America. Can this be said of them at this moment? Has not the bare mention of Confederation, to be forced upon us already, and before the event, shaken the confidence, and staggered the loyalty, of thousands who, a year ago, would have shed their blood for the Queen?

Have the Colonies not lived together as affectionately as brothers and sisters under their common parent? Have they ever quarrelled, or has an angry or menacing message ever passed from