

President would be the signal for the dismemberment of that mighty incongruous mass bearing the lofty title of the "United States of America;" a power which might defy the world in arms if unity guided its counsels, but liable to break up into several weak and mutually antagonistic communities if a serious danger threatened, more especially a danger brought about solely through the overbearing and mistaken policy of the Washington Government.

The order placing on a war footing the Military and Naval forces of the United States, would, from the local interests of the West, the impatience of unprofitable war taxes on the Pacific coast, and the smothered but inextinguishable hatred of the South, cause a disruption of the Union. And in place of a united host of six millions of fighting men ranging themselves under the same standard to effect the same ends, we should find the country divide itself into four sections. Two sections would be determined to remain neutral in a struggle with Great Britain,—one section inimical to England, and seeking to injure her by every means, however unscrupulous and indefensible,—and one section filled with deadly animosity towards the Anglophobian section, and willing to assist England or any other Power or project promising that the rule of the hated North should be broken for ever.

These divisions in detail would be :—

1st Section—In favor of war with England,—comprising the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the District of Columbia, having an aggregate population of, say, eleven millions.

2nd Section—Hostile to first section, and which could be relied on to support actively offensive operations against it,—including Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, with a population of fifteen and one-half millions.