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into your mind and to give up to the desolations of war your present peaceful friends. Though such a probability may be remote it behooves you to be ready for all contingencies and prepared by an ample and organized force for the open rebel and the secret traitor.

The one great paramount ^{object} which the patriots everywhere have in view and which with us in Maryland should and I am sure does outweigh and nearly outweigh all other considerations is the restoration of the Union. Whilst among those professing the same object there may be found in some places a comparatively small class anxious to combine with others and ulterior views of a selfish and sinister character, we have in our own state I fear a still more dangerous class secret sympathizers with secession, who by the exaggerated importance they constantly seek to attach to these factious movements and their affected fear of their ulterior purposes are in fact seeking only by such means to undermine the great cause we have at heart and to paralyze the arm we are prepared to raise in its defence. Against these insidious attempts let us be on our guard; let us bear in mind that the great impending peril by which all other perils are eclipsed is this rebellion, that it is to be put down, put down by force of arms at whatever cost and regardless of all other considerations. That once subdued, the nation thereby, preservation or the renovated population having themselves will be sure to provide for a need be feared in this nation who will serve hereafter out, so nearly wrecked.

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doing important and valuable assistance to our Country in this its day of trial, each equally patriotic and ready to render their services, but whose patriotism is frequently unproductive, either for the want of some personal exertion or appeal necessary to give it a practical direction, or the want of a more material aid, which might, and ought to be, readily supplied. Whilst therefore, much may be done by canvassing different neighborhoods, by persons appointed for the purpose, and whose efforts should be directed to arousing the minds of our young and able-bodied men to the patriotic duties required of them, the pecuniary necessities of such as are restrained from hearkening to these appeals only by reason of such necessities, ought to be immediately and satisfactorily provided for.

When we invite Volunteers to enroll themselves in the Union Army, and battle for the Union cause against the armed Rebels seeking our destruction, and they, responding to that appeal, offer their lives a willing sacrifice to their Country—those, who from age or infirmity, or family ties, or any other consideration, can take no part in that martial array, but are yet blessed with other means of contributing to its success, should remember that the most liberal contributions of these means that they can make, are but light in comparison with the life-blood of the gallant men thus so freely shed.

I am well aware that many of our patriotic citizens have already distinguished themselves by their personal exertions and private contributions in this behalf—many a coil-worn soldier can testify to that effect; but our necessities are not yet supplied, nor our means, as I trust, exhausted. Our State is still menaced with invasion; our Country is still assailed by an armed host whose chief strength has been derived from her bounty, and whose principal hope rests upon those who would glory in her annihilation.

When such issues are presented, who will stop to count the cost of our defence, or what are all our possessions worth if we fall a prey to such a combination.

Our efforts therefore, as it seems to me, should be particularly and zealously directed to stimulate by all available means the enrollment of the Volunteers now required, and to the provision of such a fund as may set at rest all fears for the families they leave behind.

I have appointed a Committee of _____ for your City to whose intelligence and patriotism I beg leave to submit the best means of effecting these objects: trusting that you will consent to act as one of this Committee, and upon consultation with your fellow-members, and calling to your assistance such auxiliary Com