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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 behoves 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 <sup>object</sup> which the patriots everywhere have in view and which with us in Maryland should and I am sure does outweigh and nearly extinguish 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 its other 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 factional 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 the 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 of the renovated population having themselves will be sure to provide for or need be feared in this nation who will serve hereafter one, so nearly wrecked.

Let the loyal state they have in the Union of its assailants prepare to do

Let us cultivate caution against comparative our ears by rebel sympathies Union and crush the rebellion. hired substitutes can never, one more effective blow and blood of her Revolutionary answer promptly to the call fields be cheered by the age

I make this up have yet received of the act service. Whenever I am called to the details of the importance.

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