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Force under my Command an order to destroy and lay waste such Towns and Districts upon the Coast as may be found available.

I had hoped that this contest would have terminated without my being obliged to resort to Severities that are contrary to the usage of civilized Warfare, and as it has been with extreme reluctance and concern that I have found myself compelled to adopt this system of devastation, I shall be equally gratified if the Conduct of the Executive of the United States will authorize my staying such proceedings, by making Reparation to the

Suffering