This is a conjuncture that calls for the most serious consideration of these States. Congress have not a doubt in their minds but that each State in the union is determined to support the Confederacy that has been so solemnly entered into through every difficulty & hand it down unimpaired to their posterity. Under these impressions Congress can with confidence call on their constituents for such exertions as are proportionate to the truly critical situation of our affairs. The plan of operations for the present campaign having been preconcerted on the principle of obliging the enemy to abandon their possessions in every part of these States; therefore an unequivocal compliance with the demands heretofore made by Congress for provisions, men & money, are what we have at present to ask for. Should these means be expeditiously & punctually put into our hands, we have the most pleasing prospect of putting a speedy and happy issue to the war; by driving the Enemy from their present possessions in every part of these States: but at all events, to confine them to the sea coasts; in order to give as little room as possible to the enemy's claim of uti possidetis which will undoubtedly be most strenuously insisted on by them in the course of the negotiation. — A claim

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