

In conclusion Sir I feel proud to believe
that ~~that~~ the progress of these measures are
soon to stop, and our once beloved country will
return to its ^{once} happy and prosperous condition

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Dear Sir

It becomes the duty of every
American ^{citizen} previous to his casting his vote
to inquire of him self, whether he is voting
for principles which tend to be for a greater
good to the greater number, ^{to little know}
we thought of the importance of this suggestion
but the time has come when the people from
one end of this union to the other are
awakened. Such a reaction as the present
will probably not take place again for a
generation let every free & candid mind reflect
for a moment what is the cause of all this,
when he has so laid by all party feeling and
~~it~~ meditated deeply, he will perceive that
the whole policy of the present Administration is
at war with the interest of the labouring class of
people, and would if carried out make
the rich richer & the poor poorer. The question
is asked how, the answer is this that the
subtreasury and standing army bills are in
exact accordance with ~~the~~ most all the European
an governments and in these governments you will
find the poor people labouring year after year
for the small recompence of from four to six p

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per day, these very countries, Vanburen has
referred us to for ^{an} example for us to follow
has our once free and unshackled republic come
to this, will the people of this enlightened country
and at this enlightened age submit to be
disgraced by such an administration, God
forbid, thank heaven god has forbid it
The ball of ^{and reform} freedom is in motion, it is
~~rolling~~ propelled by an overruling power, and
it is not in the power of man to stop it,
why do we know that the subtreasury will
have the effect to depress and overthrow the
the enterprise of the labouring man, the
very face of it is sufficient evidence, but what
does its supporters say, look at their speeches,
there you will find in black & white the
strongest argument advanced is that wages
in this country is all together too high, they say
that we must bring wages down in order
to be happy & prosperous, they tell you that
the subtreasury will have this effect, I believe
it, the majority of the people of these united states
believe, this will be shown at the ballot boxes,

I will say a few words relative to the new
project of a standing army, this bill provides
that in a time of profound peace that we
should keep an army of 20,000 men 10,000 to
be in actual service subject to the will

of the president and under his direct control
their pay to be that of the regular army
which is for privates by Per month in the
mean time they must equip themselves at their
own expence, ~~and~~ ~~in~~ and for ~~what~~
what is the consequence if they do not be
acquint and in readiness to march, it is
a fine, and providing we are not able to
pay this fine, we are to be imprisoned, what
will our wives and children say to see their
all their only hope snatched from them in
a time of profound peace to satisfy executive
power now I will ask who, and what
coloss of our american ~~will~~ citizens will
~~compose~~ this standing army consist of, the
answer is easy for the most simple mind
viz every man who is drafted to serve in
this army if he is able, he will pay his fine
and remain at home, while he who is so
unfortunate as to be poor will be obliged
to leave his family and his home, ~~but~~
if pleads poverty and shows to every candid
mind that his family will suffer in his
absence yet, it avails nothing, if he is
not able to ~~equipped~~ to pay his fine he must
either shoulder his equipments and march
or lie in prison till he has paid his fine
paid or consents to be dragged from his wife
& children

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