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Dear fellow Citizens and friends we find that when our foreign friends were oppressed and in a most deplorable situation, the British Government emptied their Coffers of Twenty millions of Pounds, of her precious gold and silver, to redeem them from their distressed condition.

Can we then forget such a friend? No! no! as long as we shall exist, our gratitude to her shall be manifested on every suitable occasion. Dear fellow men and Brethren, in the southern states, our friends are not asleep, they are known by all there to be true British subjects and all of the most loyal kind.

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