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To the Women of the First Congressional District.

GENTLEMEN:—I have just seen a copy of a letter addressed to some of the citizens of Hartford and Cleveland counties, by Mr. James Graham...

Remarks of Mr. Clingman, On Abolition Petitions, in the House of Representatives, January 6th, 1844.

MR. CLINGMAN having obtained the floor, observed, in the opening of his remarks, that it might be supposed, from the anxiety he had manifested to get the floor, that he considered himself as having something very important to say...

I have for a long time been of the opinion that we of the South have been on this subject pursuing a wrong course; and the more I see of its consequences, the more I am confirmed in that opinion.

But I do not assent at all to the position taken by the gentleman from New York (Mr. Boardley) that when the people pray for objects in themselves unconstitutional they have no right to be heard.

But many Southern gentlemen say, because we have taken this position we must adhere to it, or though it be wrong to have taken it originally, they tell us we must never retreat in the face of an enemy.

Let us now recur to our simile of a battle. Suppose a general had taken a position with his own troops behind a secure breastwork, but had stationed his allies on exposed ground...

There is another point I wish to touch. It does seem to me that these abolition petitions are poor contemptible things; in themselves they can never hurt any body; they are mere brava fulminia; what harm can they possibly do if they should be referred?

By pursuing the course we have, we have given the abolitionists too much consequence. We make them look too strong. Nearly one half the House voted in favor of abolishing the rule: were they all abolitionists?

I am told that in this country there exists no right of petition, though it exists under all other Governments, and in all other countries in the world.

But I have always understood that it is a general discovery that a large body of troops whom he has pushed forward are not able to sustain their position with advantage, he may direct them to be withdrawn.

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But it is said if we now rescind this rule the abolitionists will boast of it. Without doubt they will profess to be greatly delighted; but, sir, there will be no real joy among them.

I regret the course pursued on another account. We of the south are in a position peculiarly delicate. Slavery exists with us; it does not exist at the north; and England has abolished it in her West India possessions.

Mr. Holmes here interposed to state, in justice to England, that he had recently taken steps towards the liberation of her East India subjects.

Mr. Clingman resumed. I thank the gentleman for the information. But I was about to observe that we stand in a delicate position at the south, though we stand on firm ground while we stand upon the Constitution; but we should be careful not to ask for more than is clearly right.

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