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... But I do not wish to begin to economize in the wrong place. I do not wish, sir, to let the first stroke fall on the best, the noblest, the most useful part of the whole nation, the gallant soldiers of the war of 1812. What would be thought, sir, of the man who would begin to reform his household expenses, by giving a half feed to his horse, his ox, and his plowman? Instead of saving money, sir, he would dry up the source of his wealth entirely; for in a short time, his plowman and his horse would be as weak as a politician's promises, as feeble as a modern platform. Such a man would hardly be termed a bad economist; he would be called a fool, and would deserve the appellation. He should commence by cutting off all the superfluous excrecences that uselessly feed on the Treasury. We might profitably decapitate some thousands of that class of hungry hangers-on who swarm in the land with the numbers and the rapacity of the Egyptian locust, "devouring every green thing." I contend, sir, that the citizen soldier is at once the pride and glory, the stay and the surety of the nation; and no Government is wise which refuses to contribute, in this way, to the fostering of that warlike spirit in its militia.

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