

the series of years it has been agitated, and the successive incidental circumstances calculated to excite and aggravate popular feeling. Our soil and our sovereignty have been invaded. Over a portion of domain of incalculable value, owned jointly by this and our parent Commonwealth, an attempt has been made to establish an adverse claim. The jurisdiction of the State has been rendered inoperative either for the protection or redress of our injured inhabitants. Under color of authority from a foreign Government our unoffending citizens in time of peace have been forced from their rightful homes and dragged beyond the limits of the State. Trials for imaginary crimes have been instituted against them, and upon our brethren, guilty of no offence and charged with no wrong, the indignities of a foreign Jail have been imposed. Our political system has lodged in the first instance the power and the duty of protection with the Federal Government. To that Government we have appealed, but relief has not come. Our lands are sequestered, our sovereignty is insulted and our injured citizens are unredressed. In this state of things is it not due to our own self-respect as well as to the cause of justice, that the State of Maine should insist on being immediately placed by the Government of the United States, into the possession of the invaluable rights, from which she has been so long excluded?

The operation and condition of the Treasury will be exhibited in the annual Report from that Department, which will be shortly laid before you. During the past year, the receipts including a balance on hand from the preceding year amounted to two