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The President, Sir,—The following intelligence is just received from Washington:

The Constitution of the United States, that great and immortal charter of rights and freedom, is about to be seriously injured and perhaps destroyed by a course of legislation which is going on in Congress. The Congress has before it the very question of enacting a law which will effectually deprive the people of the right of free and equal access to the courts of justice, by the establishment of a system of a single law in the territories. This system, if adopted, will not only make it impossible for the people to have their rights and liberties protected, but will also destroy the very essence of the Constitution. The Constitution was never intended to be a dead letter, to be ignored and disregarded when it suits the purposes of the government. It was intended to be a living document, to be interpreted and applied by the courts in accordance with the spirit and purposes of the framers of the Constitution. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and all laws passed in violation of its provisions are null and void.

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