Refuge of Oppression.

We have learned that the British government has been notified by the United States government that it will no longer recognize the independence of the Confederacy, and that it will not recognize any instrumentality of the Confederate government. This is a matter of great importance, and it is to be hoped that the British government will take prompt and effective measures to prevent the further spread of the rebellion in the United States.

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