Our Union. Will it be preserved?

Mr. President and fellow member,

A succession of ages have witnessed the struggle of man for liberty in every age, every climate. The star of liberty has been seen proudly to rise until this thought has reached the median of its glory. Then again it sinks from human gaze guarded only by an Almighty protector. Thank be the God that star has again risen in the name of America. Oh, sir! In the pedestal of the liberators of mankind has arisen. And the question now is must the star fall? The present condition and future destiny of our country afford abundant food for deep and serious reflection. Originating from a colony of obscure adventurers driven from their native shores by the bigotry, a mistaken zeal of the rulers of the old world, and cast on a land which seemed only at the atode of the beasts of the forest, and if