the past, beginning with the earliest dawn of American civilization, and ending with the present crisis, would be an almost endless task of study, as well as tax of mind. I shall not, on one moment, the idea of involving myself in such difficulties, but rest satisfied by acting your indulgence a few minutes, whilst we take a cursory view of the revolutionary struggle, Northern fanaticism, and Southern Conservatism. It has ever been the characteristic of England, even before she rose to any distinction, in the Catalogues of nations to aspire to that point in the arena of glory that Rome held once, when Mistress of the world. She has with unremitting toil striven to subjugate the whole civilized globe, and when the empire of America rising as she was upon a soil bathed with an atmosphere pure as that inhaled by the first born in the garden of Eden — issued her declaration of rights, praying for