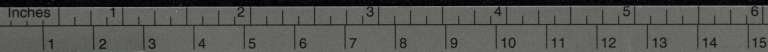


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Ordinarily the civil arm will be strong enough, but history, even of free States, teaches that emergencies arise where the civil authorities need to be armed and strengthened by the military; ^{militar} civil or the only legitimate power in such cases is the soldiery of the people, freely coming forward to uphold their authority, it follows, that the Guard is the proper force for the Governor to use in suppressing insurrection, mobs and illegal assemblies of all sorts that overpower or defy the civil authorities.



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I desire to thank the ladies
for gracing this occasion
with their loveliness -

As they have paid me such
kind attention as I have
addressed them collectively,
will they not permit me to
bespeak their attention for
any gallant of the State
Guard who may address
them individually?

If any member of the
Guard entertains such a
doubting intention let me
say for his encouragement
that as a door that stands
ajar opens to the touch of the
human hand, so the help

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open hearts of our Southern
girls open to the touch of honor,
but this is not the highest trib-
ute I would pay to the pat-
riotic womanhood of the
South. I would say rather
that as the soldiers of our Coun-
try are the defenders of its
homes, the women of our
Country are the light and
life of those homes; and
let their highest praise ever
be that there could be no
such word as home were
there no such word as woman.

Treat my comrades kindly.
When they whisper to you
words sweeter for than

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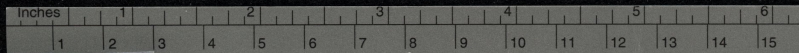
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any I have uttered in your
 just praise I beg you
 remembered the lines of
 Burns, whose memory will
 be sweet to human hearts when
 the stars — Hero's candles —
 — flicker in their sockets,
 when he says:

"The brave, poor soldier, never despise,
 Nor count him as a stranger;
 Remember his the country's stay,
 In day and hour of danger."

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my friends of the State Guard -
It affords me pleasure to make
your acquaintance which
I shall endeavor to convert
to permanent genuine
friendship during the
next four years -

Ordinarily the civil arm
of the government is
sufficient to preserve law
and order but history
teaches that emergencies
arise here in our own
free and unprecedented
Conservative States where
the strong right arm
of the Executive the State
Guard, is necessary
to suppress disorder - un-
fortunate for civilization
this is so but so long as
other nations or states keep
armed soldiery it necessarily
others -