adopts the measures, which the Crisis demands:— but these measures must be vigorous & effectual;— The Leaders of Democracy here despise Mr Dawson's proposal of fortifying our Ports with 150.000 Dollars — Economy has had its day of popularity — the application of some Millions to the public defence, would be popular.

But grants of money will not alone answer the purpose, the application must be made by men of Sense and Integrity & the idea of employing mean & inefficient men abandoned.

I would let these truths be explicitly known to the administration & in a bold & fearless tone, first in private conversation & if they disregard the Council, then will be the time for commencing an attack, under the Effect of which they will sink —

Our Merchants think of sending a deputation to Washington to support their Memorial — what would be the Effect of such a measure? It is advisable?

Yrs with truth

Clio Wolcott

Mr Quincy

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