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Much as I dislike to see a woman speak in public, or step beyond the sphere of home duties, yet, in these perilous times, I have thought it proper to offer my thanks to you and all others of Virginia's sons, who are now lifting up the voice of *peace*, while you are surrounded by so many who would hurl us, and all we hold dear, into the whirlpool of civil war. The 4th will stand a memorable day to us for weal or woe! But I cannot but hope that we have true patriots left, and that the manties of Washington and Adams have fallen upon some! May our fathers' God hear our prayer, and save us from destruction.

A VIRGINIA MATRON.

Sunny Side, Feb. 1.