

Transcription

"Now on the verge of a bloody civil war"

A VOICE FROM KANAWHA COUNTY.— The following is from the Kanawha Republican, heretofore a strong Union paper:

"Amid all the doubts and anxieties, in this trying crisis of our country, about what is to be done, there is happily but one sentiment among our people, and that is with united hands and hearts to defend the honor and soil of our good old Commonwealth against every foe. The conservative Union people throughout the State utter but one voice on this subject. No matter whose fault it may be that our late united prosperous Republic is now on the verge of a bloody civil war, the sin can not be laid to Virginia. She stood nobly erect holding out the olive branch of Peace to the contending parties till the appearance of that insane proclamation of President Lincoln. Everybody is disposed to lay aside past party acrimony—party crimination and recrimination for the common peace and protection of the State."

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