

## Transcription

### "A VOICE FROM NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA"

A VOICE FROM NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA.— Says the Parkersburg News, of May 2d:

The citizens of this portion of Virginia are united in a determination to defend ourselves against Northern aggression. We are also, able to do so. In this Congressional District we have over twenty thousand men capable of bearing arms. We need no help from abroad and desire none, unless we call for it.

There is a weak and peurile attempt on foot for a division of the State, started by a few Republicans and their sympathizers in this section. Not one-twentieth of our citizens are in favor of it, and the whole thing will end only in the discomfiture and defeat of its advocates. Already are numbers fleeing from the sinking ship, and the movement is scarcely worthy of a passing notice.

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