

about my Speech to
Washington, I fear I
shall be so engaged as
not to be able to give
it due attention.

You w^d. lay me
under great Obligations,
if you could give me
a few thoughts, as sug-
gestions. Leave me to
clothe them. I want
to say the right things -
those wh you w^d. have
me say - such as the
State of the Country

demands - such as you
w^d - say if in my cir-
cumstances.

God helps me in my
need! I am so terrified -
have so little confidence
in myself - such a fear
of saying what might
full thro' of my duty -
& what w^d be real
apropos, that I tremble
when I think of the
orders I have to sign.

I wish you had been
going with me. I appreciate
the reasons which restrain
you -

I know why you say "no"
I love you, & am deeply
pained, on account of
your mistake. But go
with me in the hope
of a reparation through me,
& inspire me to say some-
thing which I ought to say,
where I stand in the Capital
of this once most pritty,
but now awakened and
renewed nation - sensible
of its duty &
its destiny.

Good night. 1/2 p. 12.

Yours affly

Geo Thompson

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