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MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT DAVIS.

TO THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONGRESS:

It is my pleasing duty to announce to you that the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States has been organized...

It was not, however, for the purpose of making this announcement that I have deemed it my duty to convene you on this day...

It justifies me in a brief review of the relations heretofore existing between us and the States which now unite in warfare against us...

In order to guard against any misconception of their compact, the several States made explicit declaration, in a distinct article...

Under this contract of alliance, the war of the Revolution was successfully waged, and resulted in the treaty of peace with Great Britain in 1783...

The articles of Confederation contained a clause whereby all alterations were prohibited without the consent of all the States...

I have italicized certain words in the quotations from the original instrument, in allusion to the singular and marked caution with which the States endeavored, in every possible form...

The Constitution of 1787 having, however, omitted the clause already recited from the original instrument, which provided, in explicit terms, that no alteration should be made without the consent of all the States...

Strange indeed must it appear to the impartial observer that the people of the Southern States should have been so ready to consent to a change of their fundamental law...

The people of the Southern States, whose early exclusive occupation was agriculture, early perceived a tendency in the Northern States to render the common government subservient to their own purposes...

It will state my regret to see a man, my standing as a merchant of thirty years' residence in New York, that I would pledge and testify to my own, my friends and my countrymen, that I am not a slaveholder...

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THE CLIMATE AND SOIL OF THE NORTHERN STATES.

remedy of separation, and henceforth our energies must be directed to the conduct of our own affairs and the perpetuity of the Confederacy which we have formed.

On the arrival of our Commissioners in Washington, on the 5th March, they were met by the Secretary of State, and the President of the United States, and the Secretary of War.

On the 8th April, during the interval the Commissioners had consented to waive all questions of form. With the firm resolve to avoid war, if possible, they went so far, even as to hold, during that long period, unofficial negotiations through an intermediary, whose high position and character inspired the hope of success.

Early in April the attention of the whole country, as well as that of our Commissioners, was attracted to extraordinary preparations for an expedition to the North.

That these assurances were given has been virtually confessed by the Government of the United States, by its sending a messenger to Charleston, to give notice of its purpose to use force to suppress the rebellion.

Here it may be proper to observe that from a period as early as 1808 there had existed in the States of the Union a party, almost unbrokenly in the majority, based upon the creed that each State was to be a sovereign and independent nation.

It is in the exercise of a right so ancient, so well established and so necessary for self-preservation, that the people of the Southern States have been so ready to consent to a change of their fundamental law.

That peace is ardently desired by this government and people, has manifested in every part of our proceedings. It was not until the 13th of the month that they officially addressed the Secretary of State, informing him of the purposes of their mission.

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TO DEPART FREELY WITH HIS COMMAND.

shall indicate the possibility of improvement in these regulations, no effort will be spared to free commerce from all unnecessary embarrassments and obstructions.

Under your act authorizing a loan, proposals were issued inviting subscriptions for five millions of dollars, and the call was answered by the prompt subscription of more than eight millions by our own citizens, and not a single bid was made under par.

Apparently contradictory as are the terms of this singular document, one point was unmistakably evident. The President was desirous to call for an army of seventy-five thousand men, whose first service was to capture our forts.

Deprived of the aid of Congress at the moment, I was left with the alternative of making a call on the States for volunteers, or of the common defense, in accordance with the authority you had conferred on me before your adjournment.

The operations of the Navy Department have necessarily been restricted by the fact that sufficient time has not yet elapsed for the purchase or construction of more than a limited number of vessels adapted to the public service.

The Postoffice Department has succeeded in organizing its department to such an extent as to be in readiness to assume the direction of our postal affairs, on the occurrence of the contingency contemplated by the act of 16th March, 1861, or even sooner.

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In this connection I cannot refrain from a well-deserved tribute to the noble State, the eminent soldierly qualities of whose people were so conspicuously displayed in their part of Charleston.

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