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LETTER TO PRESIDENT TAFT.

Judge J. K. M. Norton, of this city, has written the following letter to President Taft concerning the recent talk of the retrocession of Alexandria city and county to the District of Columbia:
Alexandria, Va., July 27, 1909.
His Excellency William H. Taft, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: The Washington Post has, apparently, taken up, with great earnestness, the question of taking back into the District of Columbia the land south of the Potomac river, which was ceded to Virginia in 1846. It has an article upon the subject, in its issue of July twenty-fourth, in its Sunday issue of July twenty-fifth, in its issue of July twenty-sixth, and again on the twenty-seventh. It is said that some strong private interest are back of the movement.

All the articles refer to some remarks of yours at a public dinner in Washington on May eighth. In your speech, you are quoted as saying: "I have never been able to satisfy myself that retrocession was within the power of Congress to make;" and other language used by you, in your address, rather clearly shows that you view the retrocession act as unconstitutional.

I have no disposition to take issue as to the academic question of constitutionality. It appears to me, as it does to many Virginians, that the mere constitutionality of the act is not the real question involved.

There is a moral question which overrides all legal questions, and I hardly think you have considered that side. But even on the legal side, there are other questions than the mere constitutionality of the act of retrocession.

West Virginia became a state of the union a century ago, but will that stand the test of constitutionality if we look to the strict letter of the instrument? The constitution says, Art. IV, section 3, "No new state shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other state, nor any state be formed by the junction of two or more states or parts of states, without the consent of the legislatures of the state concerned;" section 4, "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government."

No state had the right to secede, is claimed to have been established by the civil war. Then, if Virginia never legally went out of the union, how was West Virginia legally created?
If it is claimed that Virginia consented, the answer is that her so-called consent rests upon the grossest fraud, and that violates the consent.

When Virginia, herself, was received back into the union as a state, with her boundary fixed with Alexandria county and city a part of that boundary, and accepted by the United States as a state of the union, with all the rights growing out of that relation, can the question now be raised, and a part boundary taken away from her?

As to the legality of the creation of West Virginia, looking to the strict letter of the constitution, if you do accept the creation of West Virginia as a legal act, how can you, at the same time, view the acceptance back into the union of the state of Virginia, which included Alexandria county and city, as an illegal act?

Where can you find any authority in the constitution for taking away a part of the territory of the state which has been accepted as such, apparently with all formalities, by the United States government?

But, as I stated above, it seems to me that the legal question is a small matter, compared with the moral question.

When this matter was before the Senate, some years ago, Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, made report upon this question, which looked at the moral side. That report was, in part, as follows:

"It seems to the committee that it is not expedient that this act of retrocession should be set aside by Congress, even if Congress have the power so to do, without the consent of Virginia. Virginia accepted the transaction, it being understood that it was at the desire and for the benefit of the national government. She has established in Alexandria the important and intimate relations which every state forms for its own citizens dwelling on her soil; and the people, on the other hand, we presume, feel the loyal and deep attachment which such a relation excites. Such ties ought not to be wantonly broken at all without the consent of the parties, except in case of some paramount and overwhelming public interest.

"As to the suggestion that the retrocession was unconstitutional, it seems to us the answer is that from the nature of the case it is a political and not a judicial question, and that it has been settled by the political authorities alone competent to decide it.

"So it seems to us the case must be deemed settled by the acquiescence in the act by Virginia and of the United States, as manifested by the conduct of the departments of government for more than half a century.

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The foundation of the efforts in the Washington Post appears to have started and ended with yourself. The great influence of your public position and private personality is exploited in the Post. It is named, "The Taft Idea." The article of the twenty-sixth is started as follows: "President Taft's plan to test the constitutionality of the act of Congress whereby Alexandria county was receded back to the State of Virginia."

I do not believe you have thought of the intense feeling of Virginians upon this question. Real estate owners have, from time to time, stirred up this question, but old time Virginians and those descended from such, have a very intense feeling whenever the question is brought up.

For many years it has not been looked upon seriously, until the great weight of your name is used by the Post.

Suppose the question can be raised, and the United States Government attempts to take this territory, will you do as President Lincoln was compelled to do—that is, call for troops to enforce your demand?

You can say, of course, as the Supreme Court has said, more than once, the question of enforcing can be postponed until that time arrives.

It is not only the real Virginians who live in this territory who will bitterly oppose the movement, but you will find that the whole state will oppose.

But this is not all. You will also probably find that much of the south will stand with Virginia, against having any more of her territory taken from her, when she has given so many states to the union from her territory.

I know that you have a deep affection for the United States, and that the south is no different from any other part of the country, so far as your feelings are concerned. Indeed, you have expressed, so often, those kindly feelings, and I hardly think you could seriously contemplate allowing the great weight of your influence to be used to take this territory from Virginia, because that act will lessen the force of your generous and kindly expressions, up to this time.

And after all, of what moment is the taking of this territory into the District? The city of Washington is growing out through Maryland and through Virginia, though outside of its boundaries. A memorial bridge to Arlington, such as has been advocated for many years, would practically make Alexandria county a part of the District, and it will only be the name of the thing that it should be actually in the District.

Again, the city of Alexandria has struggled under a tremendous debt ever since the war. Our city had a debt of

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I trust that you will pardon this letter but I write it because I doubt whether you have considered the moral side of this question. I have an idea that you only looked at the legal side.

With great esteem, Very truly yours,
J. K. M. NORTON.

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