

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 30th, 1859.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THOMAS H. HICKS :

*Dear Sir* :—I have the honor to enclose you certain Resolutions, which passed unanimously both branches of the Legislature of South Carolina; in one of which is an earnest request that you will appoint deputies, and adopt such other measures as will promote the meeting of the slave-holding States in Convention. You will see by the preamble to the Resolutions, that South Carolina, as a sovereign, claims the right to secede, whenever she may think it expedient to do so, but she much prefers concerted action, and is willing to follow any lead.

Be pleased to submit the Resolutions to your Legislature at the earliest moment.

With great respect and consideration,

I am yours, truly,

WM. H. GIST.