

pursued towards our slave population has been liberal and just. Our slaves were believed hitherto to have been no less happy than ourselves. They knew not, they felt not, the hardships of bondage, and if they should now be abridged of their comforts, curtailed in their privileges, and harassed by rigid surveillance, the blame must rest with those enemies, both of the white man and the black - the incendiary abolitionists. While these common enemies have been thus active in their efforts to destroy the peace of the Southern portion of the Country, and have, we doubt not, hoped to inflict a mortal wound upon the Union, by arraying one portion against the other, it has been most consolatory to discover, that they could find no sympathy with their views by our fellow citizens of the North and East generally. Their attempts there have been very generally met with the just indignation of the people, and judging from these indications, we cannot but indulge the hope that those nefarious attempts, failing of their object, will, in the end, far from making us a divided people, be the means of dispelling many groundless jealousies, doubts and fears, which have heretofore existed, and thus draw closer the bonds of Union, confidence and mutual goodwill, between the different members and individual Citizens of the Confederacy. The just and generous sentiments proclaimed by the people, need but be carried out by the constituted authorities of the Northern ~~and~~ Eastern States, and the good work is done. From these authorities we have a right to expect, and after what we have heard from their constituents we will not question, that they will take the necessary steps to prevent those associations and those unions from the press within their borders, which are so destructive of our domestic peace, and so fatally tend to disturb the harmony of the Union. It is with you to provide, by such enactments as you may judge suitable and expedient, to prevent the introduction of all such incendiary publications within the limits of this State.

In compliance with the request of His Excellency George M. Duffie Governor of the State of South Carolina, I herewith transmit to you, a Report and sundry Resolutions adopted and passed by the General Assembly of that State on this subject.

We are happy in being able to announce to you that the financial concerns of the State are in a sound and healthy condition. The ways and means provided by the Legislature at its last Session have been sufficient to meet all the expenditures of the Government, and leave in the Treasury at the close of the fiscal year a balance of \$29,078.19. The ^{Annual} Report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, which will be laid before you in a few days, will furnish you with ample details of the receipts and expenditures of the past year, and of our probable revenue and expenditures of the present.