

Convention of Georgia

Milledgeville, January, 1861.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is the right and the duty of Georgia, to secede from the present Union, and to co-operate with such of the other States as have, or shall do the same, for the purpose of forming a Southern Confederation, upon the basis of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That a Committee of seventeen be appointed by the Chair, to report an Ordinance to assert the right and fulfil the obligation of the State of Georgia, to secede from the Union,

I take copy from the Minutes
Attest, A. R. Lamar, Secretary

An Ordinance

To dissolve the Union between the State of Georgia and other States united with her under a compact of Government entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America."

We, the people of the State of Georgia, in Convention assembled, do declare and ordain, and it is hereby declared and ordained, that the Ordinance adopted by the people of the State of Georgia in Convention on the second day of January, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, when the Constitution of the United States of America was assented to, ratified and adopted; and also, all acts, and parts of acts of the General Assembly of this State, ratifying and adopting amendments of the said Constitution, are hereby repealed, rescinded, and abrogated.

We do further declare and ordain, that the Union now subsisting between the State of Georgia and other States, under the name of the United States of America, is hereby dissolved, and that the State of Georgia is in the full possession and exercise of all those rights of Sovereignty which belong and appertain to a free and Independent State;

Attest:

A. R. Lamar, Secretary

Annapolis, Md.
February 25th 1861

To His Excellency

Thomas H. Hicks, Gov. &c

Sir,

I have the honor herein to enclose to your Excellency a copy of "An ordinance to dissolve the Union between the State of Georgia and other States, under a compact of Government entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America" passed by the people of Georgia in Convention recently assembled at the Capitol in Milledgeville;