

also a copy of an ordinance, passed by the same body, for the appointment of Commissioners to each of the now seceded slaveholding States, together with my appointment, as the Commissioner of Georgia to the State of Maryland.

The Ordinance creating the office I have the honor to hold, makes it a part of my duty to urge upon the State of Maryland the policy of withdrawal or secession from the now known as the "United States," and cooperation with the State of Georgia and other independent Southern States, in the formation of a new Confederation and Union, for the mutual defence, protection and welfare of the Southern States, and for the promotion of the happiness of their Citizens.

The people of Georgia have laboured for years past, with anxious solicitude for the preservation of the Federal Union; and have made many sacrifices both of rights and honor, to avoid the dire necessity of resistance to Federal encroachments, and Northern insults and injuries. This pacific and yielding policy of her people has been received at the North as merely increasing evidence of our weakness, and utter dependance upon the Federal Union for protection and happiness.

It cannot be denied that for more than thirty years, the Northern people have been waging a violent, inflammatory and wholly unjustifiable war upon the institution of domestic slavery as it exists in the Southern States; — an institution which underlies our whole social system, and upon the perpetuity of which, depends in a large degree, the wealth, prosperity and general welfare of the entire South. First commencing their attacks upon slavery in the States, they continued their assaults until the United South, assisted by a large and respectable portion of the people of the non-slaveholding States with common intent met at the ballot boxes of the Country, and overwhelmed them with defeat and shame. The old "Abolitionist" party proper, never commanded the respect or support of any considerable number of the Northern people, and hence their attacks although highly insulting and aggravating in their character, and clearly violations of their constitutional obligations, were harmless — except so far as they tended to inflame the passions, arouse the jealousies, and excite the hatred of the Southern mind.

The people of Georgia while they have ever abhorred — the Canine Philanthropy, and despised the religious intolerance and treasonable machinations of the "Abolitionists," have heretofore cherished a kindly and fraternal regard, and on all suitable occasions have manifested a warm and cordial appreciation of the intelligence, virtue and patriotism of the great body of the Northern people, who have in the past so strongly treated the popular clamor and blind fanaticism of their own Section, in defence of the