

will be difficult to sever.

Let the danger of your position only increase our solicitude for your future action, While Georgia would not desire much less advise your state to inaugurate any movement which would inevitably increase your difficulties and dangers, she is nevertheless anxious that you should be permitted to act entirely free from Federal influence and Federal arms.

To this end she authorizes me to declare to you and through you to the people of your state, that to the full extent of her ability, she is determined to assist and support you in any action which your state may decide to adopt for the preservation of your rights and liberties, your Cause Georgia makes her Cause, your quarrels her quarrels and your dangers her dangers. The report of the first Federal Gun fired upon your soil, as it falls upon the ears of our hardy sons, will call to your side from their forest homes upon mountain tops and lowlands, a body of freemen whose valor and prowess will make them no mean match for Federal mercenaries.

The state of Georgia has taken her position after a full and careful consideration of all her grievances and difficulties, and with a full knowledge of the many embarrassments to be encountered in her new Character, yet she is determined to take no step backwards, having dissolved the ties which bound her to the Federal Union, she casts no longing eyes towards the past, there is now no hankering after the flesh pots of Egypt among her people. Having for years past interceded, nay implored our Northern Confederates for simple justice never having at any period of our history ever asked for special privileges for our section, having plainly and fairly informed the Northern States of our determination to resist even to a disruption of the Union, all other and future encroachments upon our rights, we feel that we shall be fully justified by the enlightened public sentiments of the civilized world in the action we have taken.

We have determined to listen to no more compromises with the Northern States. They have proved faithless in all their pledges heretofore given, and we can have no assurance from such a people that they would carry out any offer of settlement which may through their fears be now extorted from them. Georgia warns Maryland against any patched up adjustment of existing difficulties, while Maryland would feel bound in honor to abide such adjustment in good faith, if made, her Northern Confederates would, upon the first occasion which promised advantage to their Cupidity, entirely disregard and violate their Compact.

Even if the slavery questions were now settled to the entire satisfaction of her people, Georgia would not consent again to confederate with a people whose views of the powers of