

government, each citizen of a state has the same right to nullify the acts of a state—such a doctrine would meet with universal reprobation—yet such a result would only be carrying out *in extenso*, the doctrine advanced by South Carolina. Upon the subject of disunion, I would speak in still stronger language. Such a topic a few years back, would have been received every where, with execration; it is here still considered as sacrilege, a severance of the union, of soul and body, and only to be thought of by desperate men, or unfortunate maniacs. I would appeal to the gallant Carolinians, and point them to the battle fields upon their soil, where the toil of the patriots of “’76 was endured, where heroic deeds were performed and where the best blood of the country was spilt to purchase that Independence and that Union which is now spoken of so lightly.” I would then ask them, what will the feelings of that heroic individual be, who flew to aid us from a foreign land, in the days of our adversity, and first put his foot on the soil of Carolina, when he shall hear that the beautiful fabric of liberty, which he aided in erecting, is about to be torn down, and the fond hope that a people can govern themselves, shall be dispelled. That a merciful Providence may prevent such a consequence, and that the people of Carolina may retrace their steps, should be the earnest prayer of every good citizen of this yet happy and now wide extended Union.

Our country, during the past Autumn, has experienced an irreparable loss in the decease of the venerable Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last of that fearless band of patriots, who proclaimed our Independence. The last star in that bright galaxy of liberty and Union, is blotted out forever. The last of those conscript patriots who, “in the times that tried men’s souls,” pledged “their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honors,” to perpetuate that independence, which they had so fearlessly proclaimed, has been gathered to the home of his fathers. He had lived to see us manfully and successfully resisting the oppression and tyranny of an English Ministry. He had lived to see us engaged in a second war with that same power, not only without tarnishing, but which resulted in greatly augmenting our national glory. He had lived to see our numerous and diversified resources rapidly developing under the guidance of our National