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Plain Talk.

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We would make any reasonable sacrifice to obtain such an one as would be satisfactory, and would perpetuate a Constitutional Union. There is scarcely any sacrifice that we would not make, in order to attain that end.

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a home so pleasant and beloved, to what place can I go and be content?

I still hope. — It seems to me that a dissolution of the Union is too great a calamity and madness for men to accomplish. May God preserve us from the bitter and fatal error of supposing that we can ever be separated.

The withdrawal of the State of South Carolina from the Federal Union, brings us face to face with grave issues, fraught with results of the most momentous importance. The unavoidable result now before us, is either a disunion of the people, or a re-union upon a new basis.

In other words, is South Carolina to-day a member of the Union, or is she not? If the former, it is unquestionably the duty of the President to enforce the laws within her borders; if the latter, he has no more authority to enforce them than he has over the States, than he has to exact compliance with them in the dominions of England or France.

This question, then, of the present status of South Carolina, should be fully weighed and discussed in all its bearings, and must be decided upon by the highest and ablest officers of the government.

There are only three solutions of the impending crisis: — First, civil war, whose result it would be impossible to predict. Second, a peaceful separation of the seceding from the other States. Third, permanent reconciliation, tempered with firmness, which will prevent either of the other two solutions, and save from disruption that great political fabric created by the sages of 1787.

of Congress from Massachusetts, declared it to be his deliberate opinion that if this bill passes, the bonds of this Union are virtually dissolved; that the States which compose it are free from their moral obligations, and that as will be the right of all, so it is the duty of some to prepare definitely for a separation — amicably if they can, violently if they must.

In 1815, when war existed between this country and Great Britain, the illustrious and venerable Vermont, ordered her militia of his State from Canada — that State deciding for itself that the federal government had exceeded its constitutional powers.

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gives who have led them astray and brought them to the verge of civil war if they stand in the pathway that leads back to safety. Better that they had never been born than called upon to meet the justly aroused and terrible wrath of the people who have been beggled to the very brink of destruction.

In conclusion, then, may we not safely assert that the position assumed by South Carolina, when viewed by an American standpoint, is not altogether inadmissible, and to be condemned as a matter of course, and without a hearing? She may or may not be at this moment, of right, independent of this Union; that is by no means a well settled point.

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WILMINGTON SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of the Condition of the Wilmington Savings Bank, on the 31st December, 1860, as ascertained by the undersigned Committee, appointed under the 6th Section of the Act of Incorporation:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Capital paid up, Surplus, and Profits and Losses.

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OUR ACCOUNTS, due at above date, are not paid. We respectfully request you to call and pay them. S. B. KAHNWEILER & CO. Agents.

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