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*To the Hon. the President and Members of the
Convention of the Independent State of South Carolina :*

GENTLEMEN—I am to-night informed that a resolution was this day adopted, inviting me to a seat on the floor of your Convention. For the compliment thus paid my State, in my person, please accept my grateful acknowledgments. I regret that engagements elsewhere imperatively forbid the enjoyment of your proffered courtesy.

Intelligence received to-night makes “assurance doubly sure,” that Alabama stands by the side of South Carolina, prepared to share with her a common destiny.

Information obtained on diligent inquiry in the last few days, justifies me in saying that the gallant sons of North Carolina, and Virginia, are now ready to rally around the standard of Southern Rights and Honor, which you have so gloriously reared; and that those two States will also be members, in all probability, of the Great Southern Confederacy by the 4th of next March. The other Slave States must sooner or later take the same course, or be involved in inevitable ruin. To the bold, deliberate, and decisive action of your body, are the people of the South indebted for the great movement which must end in the vindication of their rights: and the future historian must award to South Carolina the honor of leadership in carrying out the measures destined to release them from the wrongs and oppressions under which they have so long and so patiently suffered.

With sentiments of profound consideration, I am,

Most respectfully,

J. W. GARROTT.

CHARLESTON, December 26, 1860.



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