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LETTER FROM

Alexander H. Stephens, OF GEORGIA.

The following letter from the rebei Vice President, Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, giving his views upon the pros- pact of union. pects of peace, was written in answer to a letter addressed to him by several of his fellow-citizens of Georgia:

health for some time. Your letter I found | ism. here on my return home yesterday. The The subjugation of the people of the on their fortunes. square, [12 lines] 2 50 4 50 9 00 delay of my reply thus occasioned I re- South by the people of the North would With wisdom on the part of those who of the spring and summer campaigns gives pated, and if he is re-elected, the present

15 00 12 00 20 60 allow me now to say to you that no per- liberties as well as ours. The men or wielding our resources at their command, ann. Mississippi, Ackansas and West "the last man and the last dollar" are M'LAUGHLIN, Atterney at Law, of any number of persons in our position, ling out of a union of States established umph in the end. in bringing about a result that we and so us. many more, desire.

properly constituted for such a purpose.

The organization of that party at the heart, and towards it I could almost ex- North-TYRUS L. PERSHING Use arreass it is to be heped, will be followed by beam. May I express thee unblamed, prochamed the principles upon which a or annihilate the freemen of the South- kidneys. at Law, Johnstown, Cambria Co. Pa. others of a more marked character, if all since God is light."

> set forth very clearly those principles upon at best it is but a ray, a small and tremu- ability, to hold up these principles as the between the different sections of this ex- and quicken the hope. now distracted country.

doctrine our Legislature announced to the of 1787 was called and assembled. people at the North and to the world. It | The properly constituted authorites at is the only key-note to peace-permanent, Washington and Richmond, the duly aulasting peace-consistent with the security thorized representatives of the two Con-

securing public liberty, upon any other the extinction or extermination of one

The whole framework of American institutions, which in so short a time had won the admiration of the world, and to which we were indebted for such an unparalleled career of prosperity and happiness, was formed upon this principle. All towards each other and towards the Fedour present troubles sprang from a departure from this principle, from a violation of this essential law of our political or-

In 1776 our ancestors and the ancestors of those who are waging this unholy crusade against us, together proclaimed the great and eternal truth for the maintenance of which they jointly pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, that governments are instituted among men, deriving their jost powers from the consent of the governed, and that whenever any form of government becomes destruc- then binding only on such as should ratify tive of those ends for which it is formed, it. It becomes the people of the South, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it and institute a new government, as watchful and jenlous of their right as laying the foundations, on such principles, and organizing its powers in such a form as to them may seem most likely to effect times and countries, when and where it their safety and happiness.

"people," and "governed," in this an often required the greatest privations and nunciation, is meant communities and sufferings and sacrifices that people or bodies of men capable of organizing and States are ever subjected to. Through maintaining a government, not individual such an ordeal we are now passing. members of society. The consent of the Through a like and even severer ordeal the community or State in its organized the principles which it has devolved upon party. form, and expressed through its legitimate us to defend and maintain. and properly constituted organs. It was But great as our suffering and sacrifi-

Without further explanation or apology | Constitution, and the overthrow of their | the field, in husbanding and properly despair. Large portions of Texas, Lousi- | til his wicked purpose is accomplished, or son living can feel a more ardent desire party at the North, to whom you refer, and in securing the hearts and affections Tennessee have been rescued from the wasted. Should be be re-elected, what for an end to be put to this onnatural and who favor peace, must be brought to a of the people in the great cause of right grasp of the enemy. And Missouri to- will the National Debt be at the end merciless war upon honorable and just full realization of this truth in all its bear- and liberty for which we are struggling, day halls with delight, on her own s.il, of the next four years? Let the tax terms than I do. But I really do not see logs, before their efforts will result in | we could suffer all these losses and ea- | the swelling columns of her favorite sons. | payers, who must pay the interest on this that it is in my power or yours, or that much practical good. Any peace grow- lamities, and greater even, and still tri- While our Confederate authorities have frightful debt, make the calculation for

Indeed, I could have

Convention seems to have been a desire to I srael in the Wilderness. Easy and perfect solutions to all pro- reach a peaceful adjustment of our pre- The chief aid and encouragement we sent troubles, and those far more grievous sent difficulties and strike, through the can give the the peace party at the North, ones which foom in prespect, and portens medium of a Convention of the States. is to keep before them these greet fundatiously threaten in the coming future, is They propose to suspend hostilities, to see nothing more than the simple recognition what can be done, if anything, by nego- will lead them and as to permanent and of the fundamental principle and truth tiution of some sort. This is one step in hasting peace, with possession and enjoyapon which all American constitutional the right direction. To such a Convenliberty is founded, and upon the mamie- Ifon of the States I should have no obnames of which alone it can be preserved jection, as a peaceful conference and in--that is, the sovereignty, the ultimate. terchange of views between equal and absolute sovereignty of the States. This sovereign Powers, just as the Convention

federacies of States now at war with each The old Confederation was formed upon other, might give their assent to such a this principle. The old Union was after- proposition. Good might result from wards formed upon this principle. No it. It would be an appeal on both league can ever be formed or maintained sides from the sword to reason and jusbetween any Stafe, North or South, lice. All wars which do not result in side or the other must be ended sooner or later by some sort of negotiation.

From the discussion or interchange of views in such a Convention, the history as well as the the true nature of our ineral head, would doubtless be much better understood generally, than they are now; but I should favor such a proposition only as a peaceful conference, as the Convention of 1787 was. I should be opposed leaving the questions at issue to the absolute decision of such a body.

Delegates might be clothed with powers to consult and agree, if they could, upon some plan of adjustment, to be submitted for subsequent ratification by the sovereign States whom it affected, before it should be obligatory or binding, and as well as the North, to be quite their common ancestors were.

The maintenance of liberty in all ages, has existed, has required not only con-It is needless here to state that by stant vigilance and jealousy, but it has

separation from the mother country. It lings and sacrifices which our fathers bore was upon this principle that the original with patience, courage and fortitude in thirteen co-equal and co-sovereign States | the crisis that tried men's souls in their formed the Federal compact of the Union day. These are the virtues that susin 1787. It is upon the same principle tained them in their hour of need. Their that the co-equal and co-sovereign States | illustrious and glorious example bids us of our Confederacy formed their new com- not to under estimate the priceless inheritance they achieved for us at such a cost The idea that the old Union or any of treasure and blood.

to imaggirate any movement that will aid by force will be as ruinous to them as to At present, however, I do not see, as I branch of peace has been carried in the will be the burden upon them then, than The action of the Chacago Convention, number of persons in our position, can do now to be the only means of securing The movement by our Legislature at its so far as its platform of principles goes, anything towards inaugurating any new peace with our fors. Our propositions to | Co. A young minister, in a highly elablast session, at the suggestion of the Ex- presents, as I have said on another occa- movement looking to a peaceful solution be let alone in the enjoyment of rights— orate serinon which he preached, said ecutive, on this subject, was by authority sion, a ray of light, which, under Provi- of the present strife. The war on our all tenders peace, save on terms degrading several times, "The commentators do not dence, may prove the dawn of the day to part is fairly and entirely defensive in its to our manhood, have been spirred by lagree with me here." Next morning a That movement, in my judgment, was this long and cheerless night; the first character. How long it will continue to Lincoln and his advisers. The hatred poor woman came to see him, with someimely, judicious and in the right directory of light I have seen from the North be thus wickerily and mercilessly waged and rancor produced in the hearts of Lin- thing in her apron. She said her husband tion. Nor has it been without results, since the war began. This cheers the against us depends upon the people of the coin and his Black Republican parasites heard his sermon, and thought it

claimed as a part of the fruits of it. These, Heaven first born of the clered, co-ctered one allegiance, has with great unanimity appropriate the property and to subjugate the had sent him some of the very best just and parameterst ponce ought to be upon correct terms will give that move- ed, but for the sad reflection that whether the Confederate States has followed with ment, thus inaugurated, all the aid in their it shall bring healing in its beams or, be an endorsement of these principles. All lost in a dark and ominous eclipse ere its you and I, and others in our position, The resolutions of the Georgia Legisla- good work be done, depends so much upon therefore, can do on that line at this time, ture, at its last session, upon the subject the action of others who may not regard is to sustain the movement already inof peace, in my judgment, embodied and it and view it as I do. So at least. So augurated, and to the utmost of our which alone there can be permanent peace lous ray, enough only to gladden the heart surest hope of restoring soundness to the public mind of the North, as the brazen tensive, once happy and prosperous, but The prominent and leading idea of that serpent was held up for the healing of to which none but abject slaves can sub- dead more than two days."

mental principles and truths which alone these principles once recognised the future would take care or itself, and there would be no more war so long as they should speech delivered by C. G. Greene, senior pay

All questions of boundaries, confederacies, and union or unions, would naturally and easily adjust themselves, according to the interests of parties, and the exigencies of the times. Herein lies dress the Club but for a few minutes upon hasten the delay of this." the true law or the balance of power and a single topic, and proceeded to remark the harmony of the States.

Yours respectfully, ALEXANDER H. S. EPHENS.

RANGS FOR THE OFFICE. - It is understood over the madness of human passion in its to have been determined to-day to post- destruction of human life; who encourstitutions and the relation of the States the late Chief Justice Taney until after ion to a degree appalling to the dullest Mr. Stanton foreseeing the necessity of enter the holy sanctuary as the disciples his retirement at some time from the War of the blessed Saviour who gave his life Department, is anxious to find protection, to promote good will among men, and Montgomery Blair, ex-Postmaster Gene- under the guise of homage-an outrage licans in the Senate not to confirm the ochial duties are often disregarded -- words

justified before the world in effecting their lude, they are not yet of the like suffer- so hard to get married as to get furniture. surplices and assume to pronounce the wearer's face.

Gov. Watts, of Alabama. HIS VIEWS UPON RECONSTRUCTION AND THE SITUATION.

In concluding his message to the Legislature, now in session, Governor Watts makes these remarks:

Since your last session, the bloody drama of war has been played with un-Union between sovereign States, consis- Great as are the odds we are struggling paralleled loss of life and destruction of it not stand condemned before men and tently with this fundamental truth, can against, they are not greater than those property. By the favor of Divine Provibe sustained by force is preposterous, against which they successfully struggled, dence the victory has been for the most Chawfordsville, Ga, Sept., 22, This war springs from an attempt to do In point of reverses our condition is not part with the Confederate arms. The 1864. - Gentlemen: You will please ex- this preposterons thing. Superior power to be compared to theirs. Should Mo- only serious loss to the South is the occu- States is about 4,000,000,000 of dollars. cuse me for not answering your letter of may compel a Union of some sort, but it bile Savannah, Charleston, Augusta, Ma- pation of a portion of Northwestern Geor- This enormous debt was accumulated in the 14th instant sooner. I have been would not be the Union of the old Con- con, Montgomery, and even Petersburg gia and the fall of Atlanta. This, though carrying out Mr. Lincoln's negro policy. absent for nearly a week on a visit to my stitution or of our new. It would be that and Richmond full, our condition would a serious blow, is by no means irrepara- It is increasing at the rate of three millions brother in Sparta, who has been out of sort of Union that results from despot- not then be worse or less hopeful than ble. Instead of causing a relaxation of of dollars per day in advancing the same their was in the darkest hour that rested exertions, it should inspire us with renew- cause. Mr. Lincoln says he will not stop necessarily involve the destruction of the control our destiny in the cabinet and in the South no cause for despondency or immense daily expenditure will go on un-

carried the sword is one hand the clive themselves, and see how much heavier stated in the outset, that you or I, or any lother. The success of the sword seems it is now ! by the failure of their demoniac purposes | was a very fine one; and as he said "the North to which you refer may justly be claim: "Hail, hely Light, offspring of Georgia, our own State, to whom we toward the South-purposes avowed to common taters did not agree with him," leave us no alternative but to "fight on shall crown our efforts.

The South entered the contest for the sole purpose of maintaining the right of self-government. When that is seenred a newsboy. He circulated news then, the war will cease. The arrogant de- but makes it now. mands of our enemy thus far have left us as An Alabama rebel when asked no issue but the issue of buttle. The whether they "conscripted close" there, subjugation of a whole people and the said, feelingly: "I should think they did. confiscation of their property are demands. They take every man that hasn't been mit. A reunion under the same Government with those who have mordered our is getting better, . He says the time may property with more than savage malice, would stamp with infamy slike the names of our gallant dead and the living heroes

Political Clergymen.

editor of the Boston Post, a short time since, before the McClellan Club of Ward

that one of the most unfortunate features a neighbor with a flitch of bacon at the of the present condition of political par- killing season, being applied to as usual, ties is the course adopted by many clergymen-those who aban loned their high whether I shall kill myself this year, or THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE calling as missionaries of love, peace, for-TANEY'S SUCCESSOR POSTPONED-ASPI- giviness, to advocate staughter and glost pone the appointment of the successor of age and aggravate cruelty and transgressthe Presidential election. It appears that sensibility. To behold such false guides for life on the bench of the Supreme there invoke devastation and death not a boy, in a thousand was allowed to Court as Chief Justice. Judge Advocate upon the children of that Heavenly Pa- run at large at night. Fifty years ago General Holt is also bidding high for the rent who crented and cares for all, is to not one girl in a thousand made a waiting appointment. Among other aspirants are | witness an insult offered to a benign Deity ral; Senator Collamer, of Vermont; upon common decency and propriety, . There is some talk of changes in Solicitor Whiting, of the War Depart- meriting the rebake of all who regard the the insignia of the rank of military offiment : Judges Allen and Flowe, of Mas- Holy Scriptures as the Laws of God. cers, so as to permit a lieutenant-colonel sachusetts; Senator Ira Harris of New Such conduct seems offensive both to to wear a silver shield supporting two York, and Mr. Fessenden, Secretary of Heaven and earth; it can afford satisfies cross swords in the centre of the strap. the Trensury. It is believed, however, | tion only to these dark spirits who rejoice and for that of the major a gold shield among those who are familiar with the in man's misory and abasement. The supported by two cross halberds. working of such matters that the place is daring sacrilege, too, of such expounders CS A few days since, General Roseat the disposal of Mr. Chase, and that he of the gospel of revenge must be revolt- crans was dining with his staff at one of will be appointed unless it should become ing to any mind imbued with reverence our hotels. He unfortunately tasted the unavoidable to appoint Mr. Stanton as the for pure Christianity, while their anda- Tennessee butter, when he immediately only means of getting him out of the cious profanity chalenges the anger of the arose and saluted the plate before him, Cabinet. It is doubtful, however, if the Great Master whose name unworthy ser- remarking "Gentlemen, that butter outappointment of the latter would be con- vants take in vain, and whose attributes ranks me!" firmed by the Senate, as it is understood they strive to sink to the level of their to have been agreed upon by the Repub- own wicked deeds. Ordinary parappointment to any important office of instruction and consolation witheld-af- was not rich when he married her, nor at any but full-blooded Republicans, and fliction left without spiritual comfort—the any other time. 2d. Gen. Hooker's wife particularly thrust back the aspiring dying without prayers, and I should not governed refers to the will of the mass of our ancestors passed in their struggle for Democratic proselytes to the Republican be surprised if even the ceremonies of the grave were abbreviated that the officiating not a Cresus, never was, and never will A young man who has recently to hurrangue a political canens! And be upon this principle the Colonists stood ces have been and are, to which you al- taken a wife says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half such sacerdotal orators stand up in their says he did not find it half says he did not find it h

will of God as within their own knowledge, thus defaming the Great Creator and Governor of the Universe by representing Him as having pleasure in the wrath of man-in the deadly strife of father against son, brother against brother, and in violations of the very precepts He has given to ensure salvation. Such is the office of Political Priesteraft! Should

THE NATIONAL DEET of the United ed energy and courage. A calm review the war until the slaves are all emanci-

ment that he danced with a wench. The wench is much angrier.

General Sheridan in carly life was

Our Dabster don't believe the world

sons, outraged our women, destroyed our come when the iton and the lamb shall lie down together, but it it does, the lamb will be hable the lion. car "You had better ask for manners

than for money," said a finely dressed gentleman to a beggar boy who had asked for alms "I asked for what I thought The following is an extract from a von had the most of," was the boy's re-

An Irishman dropped a letter into the post office the other day, with the following memorandum on the corner, for the benefit of all indolent postmasters into Colonel Greene said he wished to ad- whose hands it might fall :-- "Please A farmer, who occasionally obliged

replied, "I hav no yet made up my mind take a side of my father." Horace Greeley swears " with un-

covered head" that the Union shall not be as it was. Wouldn't Horace cut a still prettier figure if he were to do his swearing with both extremities uncover-

Two centuries ago not one in a hundred wore stockings. Fifty years ago maid of her mother. Wonderful improve: ment in this wonderful age.

By The Sun Francisco papers stoutly maintain that: 1st. Gen. Hocker's wife was not a Mexican. 3d. Gen. Hooker's wife is not dead, 4th Gen. Hooker