

Transcription

"I shall be ready at your summons"

Hon.

Jno. Letcher Gov. of Va.

Dear Sir,

Revolution seems inevitable.

I am not anxious to engage in any Conflict of arms, Certainly not as between Americans, but the safety of our firesides and the honor of Virginia is likely to call her Sons to arms.

I hold a Commission under her authority, and desire to say to you in this place that I shall be ready at your summons in Whatever Capacity you may regard my Service necessary.

Very truly

Yr friend

WILLIAM MAHONE

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