

Transcription

"Grand Secession demonstration"

Important from Richmond.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

RICHMOND, March 30— The following Circular, it is presumed, is sent all over the State. What it means, of course, will be determined hereafter. The time, it is stated, at which this convocation is to take place is about the 16th of April. Whether intended to take action respecting the Spring elections, or to take the State out of the Union, time will develop. Perhaps they think the Convention too slow, and wish to hurry them up by a sufficient force here. I think it of sufficient importance to communicate it for publication. It is in printed form, and the first news of it came from Norfolk:

Your presence is particularly requested at Richmond, on the 16th day of April, to consult with the friends of Southern rights as to the course which Virginia should pursue in the present emergency.

Please bring with you, or send a full delegation of true and reliable men from your own county; and, if convenient, aid the same object in the surrounding counties.

On arriving at Richmond, report yourself and companions immediately to —— at ——.

Signed by, Samuel Woods, of Barbour.

John R. Chambliss, of Greensville.

Charles F. Collier, of Petersburg.

John A. Harman, of Augusta.

H. A. Wise, of Princess Anne.

John T. Anderson, of Botetourt.

Wm. F. Gordon, of Albemarle.

Thomas Jefferson Randolph, of Albemarle.

James W. Sheffey, of Smythe.

The Richmond Whig says that preparations are on foot for a grand Secession demonstration, to take place in Richmond, about the middle of April. Printed circulars have been circulated in various parts of the State inviting the Secession men to assemble there at the time designated.

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