

Transcription

"We must fight"

Mr. President, the issue is now upon us; we must fight; and the question is, which side will we take. I have not heard from my people and have therefore no positive information as to how they would vote. I will, however, undertake to decide for them on which side they will vote, and that side is the South.

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