

## Transcription

***"A vote against the Ordinance is treason to Virginia!"***

### **Important Fact.**

We wish it to be borne in mind by the people that every vote cast on the 4th Thursday in this month against the Ordinance of Secession is an invitation to Lincoln to march his army of cut-throats and robbers into and through Virginia! Every man who does not ratify by his vote the action of the Convention uniting Virginia with the Southern States declares himself in favor of the North against Virginia and the South! We are sure no Virginian would willingly place himself in that position. Hence we call the thoughtful and solemn consideration and attention of the people to the weighty importance of the vote they may cast on the 4th Thursday in this month. *A vote against the Ordinance is treason to Virginia!* We call upon the loyal men of the State and especially Augusta and Highland counties, to engage in removing any misapprehension on the minds of the people in regard to this vital question. See to it that every man votes understandingly. We want to hear of no "Union" votes. They will be regarded as an endorsement of Lincoln's policy to overrun and devastate our homes and heritage, and make Virginia the booty of a hireling soldiery.

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