

Transcription

"I shall be true to the Union"

Mr. Editor, I am more than ever convinced that Western Virginia will *rebel* before she will be dragged out of the Union at the tail of the East; or be "hitched on to South Carolina like a tea kettle to the tail of a dog"—to use the graphic language of a member of the Virginia Convention.

I have sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and, come weal or woe, I intend to do it. That oath means something—it means just what it says; and they who take it and advocate the breaking up of the government are traitors and perjured villains before God; and to Him they shall account for it. Let others do as they may, I shall be true to the Union; and the pen of the historian shall never write me down as a traitor to my country.

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