

Montgomery Alabama
January 7th 1861.

His Excellency

Andrew B. Moore

Governor of The State of Alabama,

Sir:

In obedience to the duty assigned me by your Excellency, by commission under the great seal of the state under date the 21st day of December last, as Commissioner to the sovereign State of Georgia to consult and advise with His Excellency, Governor Joseph E. Brown, and the members of the Convention to be assembled in said state, as to what is best to be done to protect the rights, interests and honor of the slaveholding states, and to report the result of such consultation in time to enable your Excellency to communicate the same to the Convention of the State of Alabama, which is to assemble to day in this city, I have the honor to report:

That I left home on the morning of the 1st instant, on my route to the Capitol of Georgia, when I hoped to communicate the next day with the Governor of that State, but on arrival at Macon ascertained that he was then in Savannah. I applied at the telegraph office to send a despatch to him at Savannah that I might be advised of any purpose he had to return to Milledgeville at an early day, but owing to obstructions in the way could not succeed. The shortness of time now remaining to me would not admit of delay, and I left on the first train of cars for Savannah. On arrival at Savannah, the evening of the 4th, I was advised that the Governor

would learn that night on his return to Mill-
edge; and I likewise returned with him to
Milledgeville, where I had with him the
enclosed correspondence, which I herewith
submit for the consideration of your Ex-
cellency.

I beg leave further to report that
the election for delegates to the Convention
of the State of Georgia occurred on Wednes-
day the 2nd instant, and that the Convention
will assemble on Wednesday the 16th instant.
You will be gratified to learn from the com-
munication of Governor Brown that the
returns of the elections, which have al-
ready reached the executive office, unis-
takeably indicate an overwhelming majority
in favor of secession by the State of Georgia
from the Federal Union.

With high consideration, I have the
honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

Your Excellency's

Obdnt Servt.

John Gill Shorter,