

Motile, 16 Feb'y 1864

Gov. A B Moore

Dear Sir -

I owe you an apology for my silence in reference to the one hundred thousand dollars proposed to be raised here and loaned to the State. Allow me to briefly state the facts attending the matter. Mr C P Hage & myself, on the street assigned us by the Committee of 12, raised the first day \$30.000. The list was handed to other members of the Committee, but few of whom have acted, and the whole amount subscribed is only \$60.000. I promised to collect and deposit it as soon as the amt was raised, but the assembling of the Legislature in the mean time caused the Committee to relax their efforts under the impression, as they state, that the necessity for a temporary loan had ceased. It was also suggested that it would perhaps be better to suspend further action until the Bonds of the State were

ready for sale, as a larger amount
could be sold if the subscription
were merged in the effort to sell Bonds
here. This explains what has no
doubt seemed to you to be indifference
on the part of Mobile to her own defense.
I confess my disappointment at the
failure to raise the \$100,000 promptly,
under your patriotic call for means
to defend the people & property of the city.
So far as myself & the other members
of my firm are concerned, we are
ready at any time to aid the State
in providing the means of defence.

We shall soon have a culmination
of the secession movement. The border
Slave States must soon decide to
go with us and maintain their in-
dependence, or remain where they
are as political vassals. I hope
they will not much longer hesitate
to adopt the only course which
their honor and their safety point
out—union with the "Confederate States
of America."

Very Respectfully
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