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My dear Sir -

I arrived here last night - have had an interview with Gov. Brown to-day & have spent the balance of the day in hearing the debates in the Senate & House of Representatives - I am much pleased with the Gov. found him a very clever polite gentleman of say 45 & a warm secessionist. He gave it as his opinion that La. would secede, when her convention meets - but said that he thought the action of S.C., Ala. Ga. or any other Southern State would remove La.'s going out to an absolute certainty. In mixing with the members & others & hearing some of their speeches, I find that a general disposition has prevailed to refer all matters connected with the question of secession to the convention which is to assemble on the 16th inst. & hence the Legislature has been

averse to expressing any opinion
on the great seceding question.
No direct vote has been taken
in the Senate (which has then
full 132 members) but some
Cooperation resolutions were in-
troduced some days ago & either
on account of the disposition
above indicated or the strength
of the secession movement, they
were voted down by some twenty
majority. The opinion of the Gov.
& others with whom I have con-
-versed is that a large majority of
the Senate are in favor of secession.
I heard a discussion in the
House this evening on the reso-
-lutions of which I enclose you
a copy. Sa. may well be proud
of many of her eloquent sons.
Among whom I will mention
Starbuck of Newmarket & Tipton
of Augusta. Their speeches were
pointed, able & thrilling. Several
times bringing down the applause
of the House. Some of the Co. opera-
-tion men resisted. but their

The grievances now affecting the Southern States must be effectively resisted. The interests & destiny of the slaveholding states of this Union are & must remain common. The secession of one from the Union, must more or less involve & affect all.

Therefore Resolved.

That in the judgment of this General Assembly any State in this Union has the sovereign right to secede from the Union whenever she deems it necessary & proper for her safety, honor or happiness and that ~~the~~^{any} State exercising this right of seceding the Federal Government has no right to coerce or make war upon her because of the exercise of such right to secede. And should any Southern State secede from the African Union and the Federal Government makes war upon her therefore, Georgia will give the seceding Southern State the aid, encouragement

sympathy & assistance of her entire
people - And should the state of
Georgia secede from the Union
by the action of the Convention
of her people to assemble on the
16th of July - next she asks their
like sympathy & assistance from
her Southern sisters which she
heavily tender to them -

