

Transcription

"The most enthusiastic joy"

A correspondent writes from Franklin Court House, under date of April 23, as follows:—
"In this county, which gave Early and Saunders, Union, over Dillard and Hancock, Secessionists, more than a thousand majority, the news of the secession by the Convention, has inspired the people with the most enthusiastic joy. Our town, for the first time since its foundation, is brilliantly illuminated. Every house on the street is hung with lights and festooned with Palmetto and Southern devices; flags are floating, bonfires are burning; guns are firing, and deafening shouts are heard for the South. We can, and you may safely set it down as certain, that old Franklin will give one thousand majority for secession; and you may count upon her, for the first tap of the drum, for five hundred volunteers for active service. But few among us, if any, are gloomy now. All are gratified, and all ready for the field."

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