

"Virginia will not submit"

SECESSION DOCUMENTS.— The most convincing argument in favor of the secession of the Border States is contained in Lincoln's response to Virginia and his Proclamation for 75,000 troops. The first is a declaration of war, which he has no constitutional right to make. The second, instead of a call for a National Convention and an appeal to reason, is a demand for brute force, and a threat to settle by the bayonet and bullet and not by the ballot box. Virginia will not submit to a military dictator. Henceforth his subjects and we are two people.

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