

Hon. Geo. Letcher Gov. of Va.
Dear Sir,

Revolution seems
inevitable.

I am not anxious to engage
in any conflict of arms,
certainly not as between
Americans, but the safety of
our firesides and the honor
of Virginia is likely to call
her sons to arms.

I hold a Commission under
her authority, and desire

to say beyond in this place,
that I shall be ready
at your summons in
whatever capacity you
may regard my services
necessary.

Very truly
Yr friend
William Mahone
Wofs. Jan 2. 1861

Return Mahone
thanks for his
tender of service
JL 1861
Jan 4. 1861

William Mahone
Tender of service
25 Jan'y 1861