

## Transcription

### Secession of South Carolina

The secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union, which occurred at one o'clock on Thursday last, has given to our national affairs a more serious and alarming aspect than many have hitherto been willing even to admit as probable. One star has thus been blotted from the glorious constellation, and we are no more a *united* people. The work of disintegration has commenced—who is able to ken its bounds, or reunite the severed chord? If fanaticism will take warning at once, and render unto an insulted and outraged people, their very moderate and just demands, harmony and good fellowship may yet brood over the land, and our citizens bask in the sunlight of that Union which in days past has been our proudest boast at home, and our greatest glory abroad. But if such is not the case, and injury be still added to insult, the bold hearts and stout nerves of *southern* chivalry may yet be forced, in self-defence, to take part in the unnatural strife, and join in the clash of arms.

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