

Transcription

"The proper position for Virginia is *in* the Union"

Look to it.

For the purpose of deceiving the people that they may accomplish their disunion designs, the secessionists *profess* to be the best friends of the Union, and are endeavoring to persuade the people that the only way to save the Union is for Virginia and all the other States to secede that they may intimidate the North by presenting a united front. This view is plausible and calculated to deceive those who are not acquainted with the game the disunionists are playing for the purpose of imposing upon good Union men. If they can inveigle the people of Virginia to consent to the secession of this State, it will never be in the Union again. The proper position for Virginia is *in* the Union, and there is where she can use her potential influence with some effect for its preservation or reconstruction. If she remains in the Union, she can exercise, as mediator, great influence with both the North and the South; but if she will go out her influence will be lost, and she will be irretrievably hitched to the car of the Cotton States.— There is a fixed purpose on the part of the secessionists to precipitate Virginia into immediate secession. We warn the people in time, that they may guard against their coming machinations. "Never give up the ship," but stick to it as the mariner clings to the last plank when darkness and tempest close around him.

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