

Transcription

"Vacate the seats of our unworthy public officials"

The course before the Convention is a plain one. It will be the fault of the members if there is one jarring note. There is no excuse for one. There is but one path to pursue. We are in the midst of revolution. Our State authorities have sold out as the Jeff. Davis conspirators—they have vacated their places—they have allied with a power not known to us—not sympathised with by us—with which we have neither social nor commercial dealing—in fine with a power not known to us as either in geography or history—and that, too, despite our earnest and indignant protest.

This thing, then, that we have to do is to at once repudiate this usurpation—to annul the whole bargain and suit—vacate the seats of our unworthy public officials, and fill their places with trustworthy citizens. There will be a Governor and Lieut.-Governor to elect; an Auditor and Treasurer, and U. S. Senators, and various other minor officers. We trust that the Convention will go resolutely to work and not falter one inch.

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