

SPARTANBURG, S. C., THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1861.

MESSAGE
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS

It is my pleasing duty to announce to you that the Constitution framed by the establishment of a permanent government for the Confederate States has been adopted by Conventions in each of these States...

There, the principles have been made subordinate to the agent appointed by themselves. The people of the Southern States, whose slave-occupancy was agriculture...

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denunciation of their institutions; the transaction of public affairs was impeded by repeated efforts to usurp powers not delegated by the Constitution...

purpose of negotiating friendly relations between that Government and the Confederate States of America, and for the settlement of all questions of disagreement...

A treaty having been concluded, the expedition, and now into the possession of our towns of Charleston to which we received the instructions of the Government...

There is every reason to believe that no distant day other States identified in political principles and community of interests with those which you represent...

It was not, however, for the purpose of making this announcement that I have deemed it my duty to convene you at an earlier day than that fixed by yourselves...

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On the arrival of our Commissioners in Washington, on the 5th March, they proposed, at the instigation of a friendly intermediary, doing more than giving infarful notice of their arrival...

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The occasion is indeed an extraordinary one. It justifies me in a brief review of the relations heretofore existing between us and the States which now unite in warfare against us...

In addition to the long continued and deep-seated resentment, felt by the Southern States at the persistent abuse of the powers they had delegated to the Congress...

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Under this contract of alliance, the war of the Revolution was successfully waged and resulted in the treaty of peace with Great Britain in 1783...

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