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ORDINANCES

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

CHAPTER I.

AN ORDINANCE to dissolve the Union between the State of Mississippi and other States United with her under the Compact entitled "the Constitution of the United States of America."

The people of the State of Mississippi, in Convention assembled, do ordain and declare, and it is hereby ordained and declared as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1ST. That all the laws and ordinances by which the said State of Mississippi became a member of the Federal Union of the United States of America be, and the same are hereby repealed, and that all obligations on the part of the said State or the people thereof to observe the same, be withdrawn, and that the said State doth hereby resume all the rights, functions and powers which, by any of said laws or ordinances, were conveyed to the government of the said United States, and is absolved from all the obligations, restraints and duties incurred to the said Federal Union, and shall from henceforth be a free, sovereign and independent State.

SECTION 2ND. That so much of the first section of the seventh article of the Constitution of this State as requires members of the Legislature, and all officers, executive and judicial, to take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States, be, and the same is hereby abrogated and annulled.

SECTION 3RD. That all rights acquired and vested under the Constitution of the United States, or under any act of Congress passed, or treaty made, in pursuance thereof, or under any law of this State, and not incompatible with this Ordinance, shall remain in force and have the same effect as if this Ordinance had not been passed.

SECTION 4TH. That the people of the State of Mississippi hereby consent to form a Federal Union with such of the States as may have seceded or may secede from the Union of the United States of America, upon the basis of the present Constitution of the said United States, except such parts thereof as embrace other portions than such seceding States.

Thus ordained and declared in Convention the 9th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-one.

IN TESTIMONY of the passage of which, and the determination of the members of this Convention to uphold and maintain the State in the position, she has assumed by said Ordinance, it is signed by the President and Members of this Convention this the fifteenth day of January, A. D., 1861.

W. S. BARRY, *President.*

Adams County—A. K. Farrar, J. Winchester.

Attala—E. H. Sanders.

Amite—D. W. Hurst.

Bolivar—M. H. McGehee.

Carroll—J. Z. George, W. Booth.

Clarborne—H. T. Ellett.

Coahoma—J. L. Alcorn.

Copiah—P. S. Catching, B. King.

Clarke—S. H. Ferral.

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Winchester.

Choctaw—W. F. Brantley, W. H. Witty, J. H. Edwards.

Chickasaw—J. A. Orr, C. B. Baldwin.

Covington—A. C. Powell.

Calhoun—W. A. Sumner, M. D. L. Stephens.

DeSoto—J. R. Chalmers, S. D. Johnston, T. Lewers.

Franklin—D. H. Parker.

Green—T. J. Roberts.

Hinds—W. P. Harris, W. P. Anderson, W. B. Smart.

Holmes—J. M. Dyer, W. L. Keirn.

Harrison—D. C. Glenn.

Hancock—J. B. Deason.

Issaquena—A. C. Gibson.

Itawamba—R. O. Beene, A. B. Bullard, W. H. H. Tison, M. C. Cummings.

Jasper—O. C. Dease.

Jackson—A. E. Lewis.

Jefferson—J. S. Johnston.

Jones—J. H. Powell.

Kemper—O. Y. Neely, T. H. Woods.

Lawrence—W. Gwin.

Lowndes—George R. Clayton.

Leake—W. B. Colbert.

Lauderdale—J. B. Ramsey, F. C. Semmes.

Lafayette—L. Q. C. Lamar, T. D. Isom.

Marshall—A. M. Clayton, J. W. Clapp, S. Benton, H. W. Walter, W. M. Lea.

Madison—A. P. Hill.

Monroe—S. J. Gholson, F. M. Rogers.

Marion—H. Mayson.

Noxubee—Israel Welsh.

Neshoba—D. M. Backstrom.

Newton—M. M. Keith.

Oktibbeha—T. C. Bookter.

Perry—P. J. Myers.

Pike—J. M. Nelson.

Panola—J. B. Fizer, E. F. McGehee.

Pontotoc—C. D. Fontaine, J. B. Herring, H. R. Miller, R. W. Flournoy.

Rankin—Wm. Denson.

Sunflower—E. P. Jones.

Simpson—W. J. Douglas.

Smith—W. Thompson.

ORDINANCES OF MISSISSIPPI.

Scott—C. W. Taylor.
Tallahatchie—A. Pattison.
Tishomingo—A. E. Reynolds, W. W. Bonds, T. P. Young, J. A. Blair.
Tunica—A. Miller.
Tippah—O. Davis, J. H. Berry, J. S. Davis, D. B. Wright.
Washington—J. S. Yergler.
Wilkinson—A. C. Holt.
Wayne—W. J. Eckford.
Warren—W. Brooke, T. A. Marshall.
Winston—J. Kennedy, W. S. Bolling.
Yallobusha—F. M. Aldridge, W. R. Barksdale.
Yazoo—H. Vaughan, G. B. Wilkinson.

CHAPTER II.

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the Military System of the State of Mississippi.

Of organization.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the people of the State of Mississippi in Convention assembled,* That one division of Volunteers be as early as practicable enlisted and mustered into service by order of the Military Board hereinafter constituted, to serve until discharged as hereinafter provided, and to consist of four brigades; each brigade to be composed of two regiments, and each regiment of ten companies of infantry, or riflemen, and each company of not less than forty-eight, nor more than one hundred men, and also not exceeding ten companies of cavalry of not less than fifty men each, and not exceeding ten companies of artillery of not less than sixty men each, and that the volunteers so enlisted shall not be subject in any manner to the officers of the militia.

Infantry, how raised
 SEC. 2. That the eight Regiments of Infantry or Riflemen shall be raised as follows, to-wit:
 First Regiment from the counties of DeSoto, Marshall, Tunica, Coahoma, Panola, and Lafayette.