

**This is a transcription of the Charleston Mercury's announcement of South Carolina's Ordinance of Secession.**

**THE UNION IS DISSOLVED!**

Passed unanimously at 1.15 o'clock, P.M., December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1860.

**AN ORDINANCE**

To dissolve the Union between the State of South Carolina and other States united with her under the compact entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America."

We, the People of the State of South Carolina in Convention assembled, do declare and ordain and it is hereby declared and ordain,

That the Ordinance adopted by us in Convention on the twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight. Whereby the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified, and also all Acts and parts of Acts of the General Assembly of the State, ratifying amendments of the Constitution are hereby repealed; and that the United States, under the name of "The United States" is hereby dissolved.

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