

Representing

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To my fellow good and hard working South Carolinians:

I bid you a most sincere thanks for your confidence in me to represent you, South Carolina, in the federal government. South Carolina is a proud state, and we have every right to be. Since the fire of revolution has blowed in our favour, or economy has seen great prosperity in our development of the cotton gin, with the aid of slavery has driven profits to our state for a decade.¹ This year will prove a challenge, the US Congress has three aspects to debate and eventually legislate on, and it is my proud duty to keep you properly informed. The issues on the agenda are this Union's decision whether to remain in the war against the Barbary States, what is to be decided concerning the Judicial Act of 1801, and finally what steps we must take regarding expanding westward.

The Barbary States have unarguably caused much annoyance and frustrations among our transatlantic trading and among mediterranean states.² As a principle exporter and agrarian based state, South Carolina should be able to rely on the government's ability to protect its shipping vessels to aid in economic development, development which is essential for the well being of the both the state and union as a whole. It is in our interest that I advocate for the construction of a large navy to protect our trading vessels, and serve as our defence throughout this heavenly earth. No empire has been able to flourish in this age without a formidable navy to protect its interests and provide a reliable presence throughout the seas. Although some may question the

¹ "History." *South Carolina Department of Agriculture*. N.p., n.d. Web. 07 Nov. 2016.

² "Milestones: 1801–1829 - Office of the Historian." *U.S. Department of State*. U.S. Department of State, n.d. Web. 07 Nov. 2016.

cost of this undertaking, it is important to note that this is an *investment* in our future prosperity, our security and essential to achieve an economic superiority over the Atlantic. Aware of the fact that we are thought to run a 3.2 million dollar deficit³ before any action has been taken, it is important to be aware of the fact that we are a young Union, and need to speed up in our development so that the Union does not succumb to the tyranny that has plagued the world long enough.

The Judiciary Act of 1801 has been a cornerstone of debate throughout this Union, as differently levels of government fight to define what a federal government is supposed to be responsible for. Despite being a member of the Democratic-Republican, I have switched political affiliations numerous times, as is publicly known.⁴ This is due to my stringent belief that one not must commit to a political party, but to the service of the people a man represents, and I stand by this belief now, and I will until my dying breath. Concerning upholding the Judiciary Act, I am most in favour of it.⁵ The fact of the matter is that we have an executive and legislature that have a variety of powers, and to prevent a devil-like tyranny from taking over this free nation as has Europe. In house I shall look forward to making sure that whatever conclusion is reached, is in benefit of the people of South Carolina.

Since the discovery and cultivation of America, we the people have been held back from expanding to our fullest potential by the King's despotism through the Proclamation of 1763.⁶ Today we have the ability to acquire these untapped lands, which would provide distinct

³ "Total Government Spending in the United States Fiscal Year 1803." *US Government Spending*. Christopher Chantrill, n.d. Web. 9 Nov. 2016.

⁴ "Pierce Butler." *US Army Center of Military History*. N.p., n.d. Web. 08 Nov. 2016.

⁵ Ibid, "Pierce Butler."

⁶ Greenspan, Jesse. "Remembering the Proclamation of 1763." *History*. A&E Television Networks, 07 Oct. 2013. Web. 09 Nov. 2016.

economic advantages and put our landmass on par with the British empire's territorial holdings. Should we be able to negotiate a deal with France (which is highly probable as they are focusing efforts on a preparatory war effort in Europe)⁷ that would bring cheap land, it would be yet again an investment into our future opulence. I commit to the people of South Carolina that I will fight for this expansion, but not disrupt the balance of slave and non-slave states, for a leaning against slavery could open the possibility of it being eventually at the mercy of Northern values. I'll advocate that all expenses that are being proposed are investments that will surely pay off in the future, through guaranteed methods of infrastructure development and gained export capital.

In the utmost loyalty and respect,

Pierce Butler, Senator for South Carolina

⁷ Greenspan, Jesse. "8 Things You May Not Know About the Louisiana Purchase." *History*. A&E Television Networks, 30 Apr. 2013. Web. 09 Nov. 2016.

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