

“We Are Out of the Union” Newspaper Editorial, January 3, 1861

We Are Out of the Union. – And we thank God and South Carolina for it. We are no longer under the dominion of the North. The step which South Carolina has so boldly and gallantly taken, is fraught with more and greater benefits to the human race than any one thing since the coming of Christ. It will give more force and power to the truth that “man is capable of self government;” it will inaugurate the system of “Free Trade” all over the world, and will lead to the overthrow of all those devices by which labor has been made subservient to power and robbed of its reward by cunning and designed men; it will establish the principle that governments are formed for the protection of the rights of every citizen, and not as an engine by which the rights of the many are to be seized for the benefit of the few. It is the dawn of the great political and moral millennium, which will extend its influence to all the world and to all future generations. It is the beginning of the time and the state of things for which we have long hoped and labored, and which we thank God we have lived to see.

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