

State of South Carolina,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

July 6th 1861.

According to an Act of the Confederate Congress, entitled, "An act to put in operation the Government under the permanent constitution of the Confederate States of America," it is required that each State shall vote, on the first Wednesday in November next, for President and Vice-President of the Confederate States, which officers are to be inaugurated on the twenty-second of February next, and whereas the existing law of the State provides that the Electors for President and Vice-President, shall be appointed by the Legislature, and whereas the Legislature of this State will not be in regular session at the time prescribed by the aforesaid Act, for appointment of Electors.

Therefore - be it known that I, F. W. Pickens, Governor in and over the State of South Carolina, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, authorizing the Governor, on extraordinary occasions, to convene the

General Assembly, Do issue this, my Proclamation, calling upon and requesting the Senators and the Members of the House of Representatives to convene in Columbia on the first Monday in November next ensuing, that they may be present in the House of Representatives on the said first Wednesday in November, to appoint Electors of President and Vice President of the Confederate States, in conformity with the act of the Confederate Congress aforesaid.

As the permanent Government is to be organized, an election will be required, of two Senators from this State, and also, in all probability, considering the peculiar state of the Country, other important matters will be acted on at the same session of the Legislature given under my hand and the seal of the State aforesaid, at Columbia, this, the sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the eighty-sixth year of the Independence of the State of South Carolina.

Isaac H. Means
Secy of State

F. W. Pickens

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Gov. Pickens

Proclamation

Convening Legislature

to Elect Electors of President

& Vice President, and

two Senators

Received in Person

James Ross Bush

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