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Dear Sir.

I noticed your article
in Saturday's Inter Ocean July 13 - last. I
hope it may be convenient for you some day
to write a work in that connection. Should
you do so ^{and} wish to borrow of me a volume of
the Journal of the Secession Convention of
Georgia 1860 ^{+ 1861} I would be glad to loan it to
you. I found it under the Court House at
Statesville Echols County Georgia. One of the
most wonderful things in it is the special
message of Gov. Brown. No, this message is in the
Journal of the Senate of Georgia, 1860 November
8 - 1860 ^{and} at the moment that it was very certain
Lincoln was elected ^{and} it is entitled "Federal Relations"
^{and} suggest that convention be called to take
into consideration the relation of the State to
the Federal Government. I also have a copy
of that Journal. There is an old man J. P.
Prescott. Clerk. Sup. Court of Echols Co. Ga.
who was in that Secession Convention ^{and} from

him
I got the last book ^{and} by his consent I
obtained the first after I had found it.

I have also a volume of session laws of the
Georgia Legislature during one session ^{and} an
adjourned session of a the war period.

The remarkable thing about this is that
there was passed ^{and} went in force a special
law permitting a certain free colored woman
to go before the judge of a certain Court ^{and}
declare her willingness to become a slave
of a man whose name is given in the act.

This is the only case I know of where the
power, perfectly constitutionally, I suppose
under the "Constitution as our fathers made it"
the legislature of a state was exercised to
make even a "free colored" person a slave.

In considering the political situation it
would appear to me, if no foreign com-
plication intervenes that the Republican
party; if the influence of those who desire
to drop all efforts to give the negro perfect
political equality, succeed in doing so
by giving that party only the issue of
tariff; is approaching a Waterloo. Had I
the educational ability ^{at} the time, if I had
the first I would make the time. I would
write a book on "The mistakes of this generation"

The point would be the incomplete
works after the war. Did the North
not lose more in the death of Stevens
than the South in the death of Jackson?
Had Stevens would possibly have
been more to the North in reconstruction,
than Stonewall Jackson would have
been to the South in war.

Yours Truly
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