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right to maintain it."

By midsummer 1835, Hammond, leading nullifier and congressman-elect, beloved of McDuffie and R. Y. Hayne and Hamilton, had gone as far as the ardent governor. He subscribed for the New York Evening Star because its columns were equally free to both sides, and wrote at length to Noah, its editor:

The Northern Fanatics must not expect to find in us the unrepresented colonial subjects of an arrogant monarchy. . . . We do not believe that all or perhaps a majority of the Northern people favour the views of these Incendiaries but what does it boot us if they do not so long as they give them an asylum from which to hurl their murderous missiles. These men can be silenced in but one way—*Terror—Death*. The non-slaveholding states must pass laws denying protection to them & yielding them up to demand to those whose laws and whose rights they have violated . . . . This is the only remedy. *This alone can save the Union*. So soon as it is clearly ascertained that this will not be done we shall dissolve the Union, &

<sup>9</sup> Governor McDuffie's annual message, November 24, 1835, in *Journal of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina*, 1835, p. 5.

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seek by war the redress denied us by allied sister states. Depend upon it, sir, it will come to this, & ere long. I do not speak of any plans on foot but of the inevitable tendency of things.<sup>10</sup>

The United States Telegraph of August 18, 1835, which Hammond could not have seen by the nineteenth, and the Charleston Courier—the Courier, not the Mercury—of