Who is responsible for the war? Who accountable for its horrors and desolations?

EXTRACTS from a Speech by Amiaoteob H. Stephens (mu, nee- Preidmt of tU Confeder^aU State,), Mwm-ed in the Secemcn Convex tton of Georgia, on the 31 day of January, 1861:

and a'Im^hiwff^"eoeeseion of Georgia , once taken, can neyer be recalled- ana all the baleful and withering consequenses that must follow ^aa -rA,, ;!! see will rest on the Convention for all co^ig time wS^nn we and our nn?t j* 8haU see our lovely South desolated by ^e demon of wL^ wMcK act S Cv^r^V")ft*\'y,i"" "i'' ^' "'"w^ ^""^j" ^"""" our g7e"n fields of wall .w^!^- """" *"^" 'r*""^" ""\" ""y "'> murderous soldie^ and fiery car If ^f sweeping over our land,-our temples of justice laid in ashes aUftehorrT^\l a,nd deso ations of war upon u8,-who but this Conventior^ be held reZn sible for It ? and who but him who shall have given his vote for this unwise and for Sfsu?cW?:ac "b' ^r"*"''^!""^ ""^ ^ ^?"%^\j"^" ^ ^^^ to strict'cco^t r tTl C., : u' V "",, P"*"** generation, and probably cursed and e^- ^U j'evUl'v foK' " r ^ * "^ v" *** ^"^"""" J" lesMonoing r\l tat will inevitably follow this act you now propose to perpetrate? thL wi^fT' "^"?"ll* y"",,."^ consider for a moment what reasons you can five that will even satisfy yourselves in calmer moments, what reasons von can f i> to your fellow-sufferers in the calamity that it will bring upon us What reason can you give to the nations of the earth to justify it? They w 11 be th?.fl. and deliberate judges in the case; and to wiat cVse or o7o^rt act c^n you name or point on which to rest the plea of justification ? What right hTs ^e W de'Sd ? alL^wh* Tf"^ f "? ^"\"\" ^ ^ """""" ? what justi^ ha: cln eithilf T^Taf f '""^^\"^"^w J''< '-'^"y" ght, has been-^withheld? t-an either of you to-day name one governmental act of ^ong deliberately and purposely done by the Government of Washington, of which the Souft WsaSw heTcttnn 11"^"^" > t-^\"er I Ihile, on the othe? hand let me >ow the facts (and believe me, gentlemen, I am not here the advocate of the North; but I am here the friend, the firm friend and lover, of the South ^d hermstitutions; and for this reason I speak thus plain'y'and faithfUlly for iZw!^T^ -"i? "^"y ?^"^" ""^^ ^*"*" t j ^ords of truth and solemnness ) nnlnilu^\"\"r *,?j""^"* and I will only state facts which are cleaTS count?; """"^\"^\"^\""^" ""^ ^ " "^^' ^\"""" invoT^T^ demanded the slave-trade, or the importation of Africans for the cultivation of our lands, did they not yield the right for twenty years ? When we asked a three-fifths representation ^ Congress for our sTavef fTom il- '""".t' ^\"^" ^^ ^"'^ ^^ ^"'^^'^" the r^u^roTanTfaSve from justice, or the recovery of those persons owing labor or allegiance wmt? and h^"" nnnT "\"\"\"K*"?*?y instances, they have violated tUs compact, ^mmnjiirtl, <""^\ftU to their engagements ? As individuals and foca fcT^r^ * l ' 1 ^ T^ ^^ """"^; """" ^ Ty t'l'e sanction of Government for ftat has aWs been true to Southern interests. Again, gentlemen look at .other fact wien we have asked that more territoi^should be added that we might spread the institution of slavery, have they not yielded to ourdemZ. ^\"eT^nd\".;?"r""-f """" "" ^\"\"' ^\"""" ^"" ofWh\four States
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Orleans Mint and Custom House taken Feb. 2. Seizure of Little Rock arsenal by Arkansas troops

Mon- treat W^M very pertmently remarks as follows: w "^iS\" ""f' were warlike and treasonable
acts, and all aere committed before Mr. Lincoln entered office. It is simply ridiculous to say that
he com- menced the war. On the 12th of April Fort Sumterwas bombarded; on the 18th It was
surrendered, and on the 14th it was evacuated. It was not tiU the last named date that PreMdent
Lincoln issued his first oaU for volunteers to put down the Rebellion in the United States. *^ For sale
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