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Dedication...

This book is lovingly dedicated to the Lord for the strength that He has given me to write it. Also, I would like to dedicate this book to my Mom for the help she has given to me throughout the whole book. I don't want to forget to thank my Dad and Sister for being patient while I have written this book. Finally, I would like to dedicate this book to the reader. Thank you for your support in reading this book. May it bless you and your family as you read and copy. Enjoy! Matthew Rushton

Forward...

Through the years, we have had many wonderful things that have shaped our family. Perhaps one of the greatest has been our daily Copywork time. We began Copywork with just a few moments each day. Most days in the beginning Matthew would select a Bible verse that had meant a lot to him from his quiet time. It was not long until this simple habit trained him in spelling, punctuation, and writing!

However, these skills were the very least of what I have seen in Matthew's life. As time went by, he began to take this daily time to collect some of his favorite quotes from his personal studies...the Civil War being one of his most extensive areas of study.

As I have perused over his notebooks, I encouraged him that these wonderful quotes that he had pulled out from his reading should be made available for other children AND adults. This was one of the first seeds planted for this book. Since then, many of our readers have requested copies of Matthew's Copybooks. Well, here is your very own copy!

Whether your child is studying the Civil War and wants to get to know the great men from that time period...or for those children drawing a blank one morning for a great

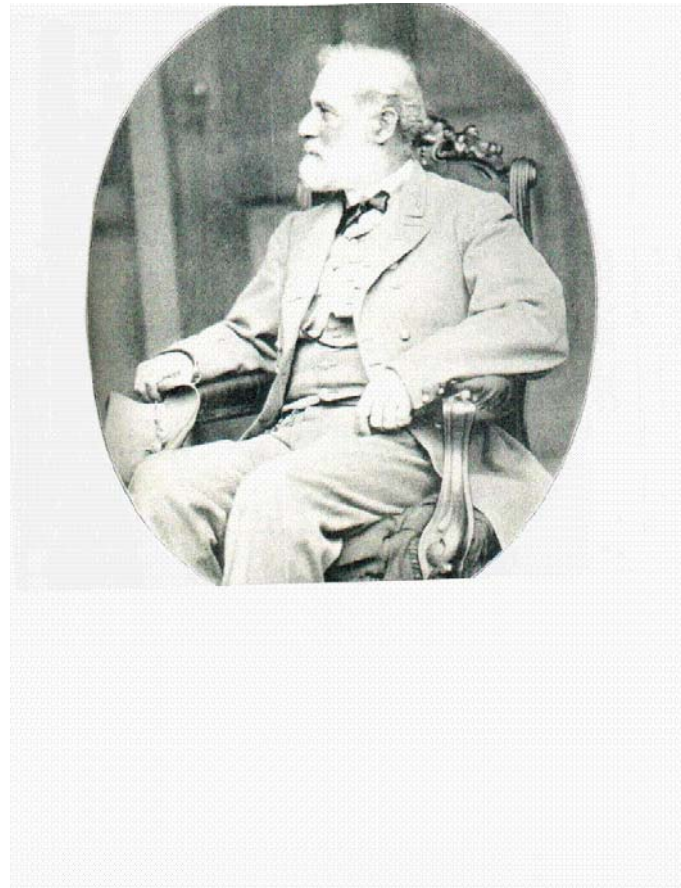
quote for their Copybook...or for those die-hard historians who just LOVE to know more about those heroes who have preserved our liberties, this is a book that will bless all!

This book will give a glimpse into the time period through the hearts of these men who fought valiantly to preserve our freedom.

Our prayer is that you will be blessed as you look back upon our heritage in America and that you will be challenged to live each day of your life with wholehearted devotion to the Lord. Many blessings!

In Christ, Cindy Rushton...Mommy and Chief Editor

Robert E. Lee



"My loyalty to Virginia ought to take precedence over that which is due to the federal government. If Virginia stands by the old Union, so will I. But, if she secedes, then I will still follow my native state with my sword, and need be with my life."

-Robert E. Lee to Charles Anderson, February 1861

"There is no sacrifice I am not ready to make for the preservation of the union save that of honor."

-Robert E. Lee to his wife, Mary Custis Lee,
January 1861

"I take great pride in my country, her prosperity and institutions, and would defend any state if her rights were invaded. But I can anticipate no greater calamity for the country than the dissolution of the Union. It would be an accumulation of all the evils we complain of, and I am willing to sacrifice everything but honor for its preservation."

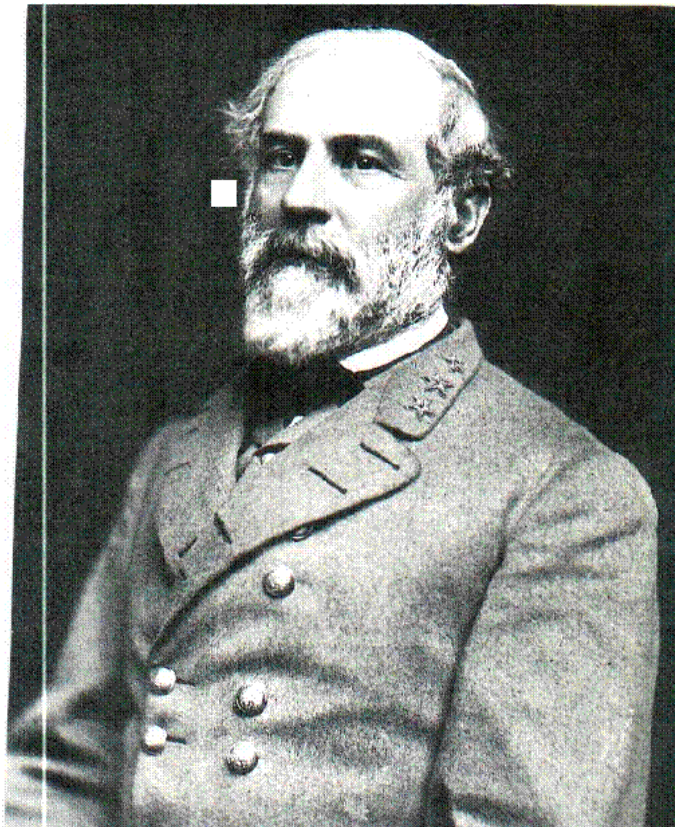
-Robert E. Lee

"I must side either with or against my section or country. I cannot raise my hand against my birthplace, my home, and my children. I should like, above all things, that our difficulties might be peaceably arranged...Whatever may be the result of the contest, I foresee that the country will have to pass through a terrible ordeal, a necessary expiation perhaps for our national sins."

-Robert E. Lee, excerpt from
a letter to a Northern girl who
had requested his photograph

"I have done the best I could do for you. Go home now, and if you make as good citizens as you have soldiers, you will do well, and I shall always be proud of you. Good bye, and God bless you all."

-Robert E. Lee's last words to his troops at Appomattox, 1865



"Alabama soldiers; all I ask of you is to keep up with the Texans!"

-Robert E. Lee, preparing to advance,
The Wilderness, 1864

"It is well that war is so terrible, else men would learn to love it too much."

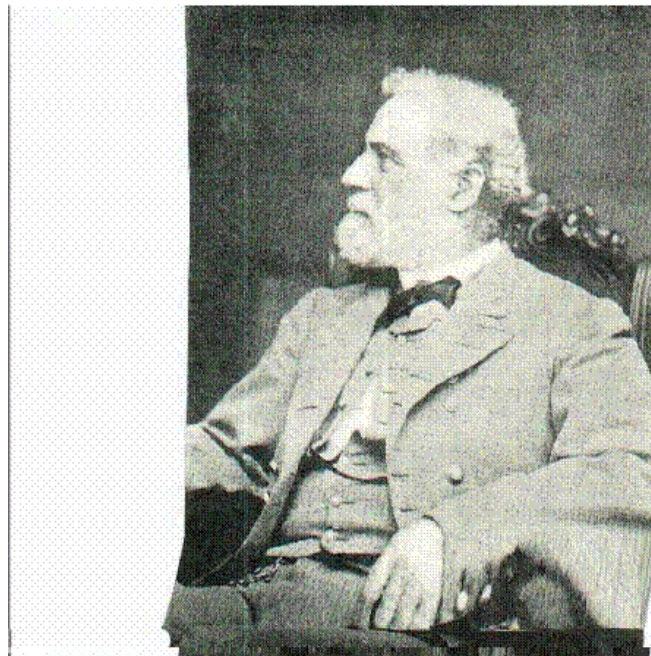
-Robert E. Lee, Fredricksburg, 1862

"After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of northern Virginia has been compelled to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them; but that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that would compensate for the loss that must have attended a continuance of contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen. By the terms of agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection. With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell."

-Robert E. Lee, April 10, 1865

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and supreme call for Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray...Let there be prayer at sun-up, noon day, at sun-down, at midnight, all through the day. Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for our churches. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word 'concern' out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice."

-Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), Commander in
Chief of the Confederate Army
of Northern Virginia



"The army did all it could. I fear I required of it the impossibilities."

-Robert E. Lee, absolving the troops of responsibility for failure at Gettysburg.

"An invasion of the enemy's country breaks up all his preconceived plans of invasion."

-Robert E. Lee

"There is a true glory and honour: the glory of duty done-the honour of the integrity of the principle."

-Robert E. Lee, Appomattox, 1865

"If we can defeat or drive the armies of the enemy from the field, we shall have peace. All our efforts and energies should be devoted to that object."

-Robert E. Lee to Jefferson Davis, July 6, 1864

"I have fought against the people of the North because I believed they were seeking to wrest from the South its dearest right. But I have never cherished toward them bitter or vindictive feelings, and I have never seen the day when I did not pray for them."

-Robert E. Lee

"It is important that conflict not be provoked until we are ready."

-Robert E. Lee, 1861

"Such an executive officer the sun never shone on. I have but to show him design, and I know that it can be done, it will be done...Straight as the needle to the pole he advanced to the execution of my purpose."

-Robert E. Lee on Stonewall Jackson



Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson



"My religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to always be ready no matter when it may overtake me."

-Stonewall Jackson

"God has been our Shield and to His Name be all the glory...How do I wish for peace, but only upon the condition of the national independence!"

-Stonewall Jackson to his wife Anna after his Valley Campaign in 1862

"There is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Let us determine to die here, and we will conquer."

-General Barnard E. Bee describing Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's brigade at First Bull Run, 1861

"Always mystify, mislead and surprise the enemy; and when you strike and overcome him, never let up in the pursuit. Never fight against heavy odds if you can hurl your own force on only a part of your enemy and crush it. A small army may thus destroy a large one, and repeated victory will make you invincible."

-Stonewall Jackson

"Once you get them running, you can stay on top of them, and that way a small force can defeat a large one every time."

-Stonewall Jackson

"In the Army of the Shenandoah, you were the first brigade; in the Army of the of the Potomac you were the First brigade; you were the First brigade; you are the First brigade in the affections of your general; and I hope in your future deeds and bearing that you will be handed down to posterity as the First brigade in this Second War of Independence!"

-Stonewall Jackson's farewell speech to his troops, November 4, 1861

"No, you greatly overestimate my capacity for usefulness. A better man will soon be sent to take my place."

-Stonewall Jackson, 1861

"Our God was my Shield. His protecting care is an additional cause for gratitude."

-Stonewall Jackson, Winchester, 1862

"People who are anxious to bring on war don't know what they are bargaining for; they don't see all the horrors that must accompany such an event."

-Stonewall Jackson



"Once you get the enemy running, you can stay on top of them, and that way a small force can defeat a larger one every time."

-Stonewall Jackson

"If you desire to be more Heavenly minded, think more of the things of Heaven, and less of the things of earth."

-Stonewall Jackson

"This army stays here until the last wounded man is removed. Before I will leave them to the enemy, I will lose many more men."

-Stonewall Jackson, Winchester, 1863

"I know that Heaven is in store for me, and I should rejoice in the prospect of going there tomorrow. But, still, I am ready to leave it any day...for that Heaven which I know awaits me...I would not agree to the slightest diminution of one shade of my glory there, not for all the fame which I have acquired, or shall ever win in this world."

-Stonewall Jackson, 1862

"I am in favor of making a thorough trial for peace, and if we fail in this and our state is invaded, to defend it with terrific resistance."

-Stonewall Jackson to his nephew, January 1861

"All I am and all I have is at the service of my country."

-Stonewall Jackson, 1861

"The Lord has answered our prayers; He has again placed us across Bull Run; and I pray that He will make our aims entirely satisfactory.... God has blessed and preserved me through His great mercy."

-Stonewall Jackson to his wife
after Second Mannassas



"It is my grateful privilege to write that Our God has given us a brilliant victory...The action commenced yesterday, and ended this morning in capitulation. Our Heavenly Father blesses us exceedingly."

-Stonewall Jackson to his wife, dated
September 15, after Harper's Ferry

"I would not like to see no questions asked in the army as to what denomination a chaplain belongs; but let the question be, does he preach the gospel?"

-Stonewall Jackson, 1863

"This army is going to stay here until the last wounded man is removed. Before I will leave them to the enemy, I will lose many more men."

-Stonewall Jackson, Winchester, 1862

"Major my men have sometimes failed to take a position, but to one, never!"

-Stonewall Jackson to Major von Borcke at
Fredricksburg

"Our gallant little army is increasing in numbers, and my prayer is that it may be an army of the Living God as well as of its country."

-Stonewall Jackson, in a letter
to his wife, 1862

"So great is my confidence in General Lee that I am willing to follow him blindfolded."

-Stonewall Jackson



"I am not afraid to die. I am willing to abide by the will of my Heavenly Father. But I do not believe I shall die at this time. I am persuaded the Almighty has yet a work for me to perform."
-Stonewall Jackson, just before his death 1863

Abraham Lincoln



"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day."

-Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Sixteenth President of the United States

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it."

-Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Sixteenth president of the United States

James Longstreet



"Don't get scared, now that we have them whipped."

-James Longstreet to D. H. Hill,
Malvern Hill, 1862

"If we only save the finger of one man, that's enough."

-General Longstreet at Fredricksburg

"No one has worked more than I, nor lost more. I think that the time has come for peace, and I am not willing to lose more blood or means in procuring it."

-General Longstreet on his fear
of a resurrection of the rebellion

"Well, McCall is safe in Richmond; but if his division had not offered the stubborn resistance it did on this road we would have captured your whole army. Never mind. We will do it yet."

-General Longstreet to a federal prisoner, Seven Days Campaign

"I suggested, as the day was far spent that a reconnaissance in force be made at nightfall to the immediate front of the enemy, and if an opening was found for an entering wedge, that we have all things in readiness at daylight for a good day's work."

-General Longstreet on
Second Mannassas

"If we could cross the Potomac with one hundred and fifty thousand men, I think we could demand Lincoln to declare his purpose. If it is a Christian purpose, enough of blood has been shed to satisfy any principles. If he intends extermination, we should know it at once and play a little at the game whilst we can."

-General Longstreet in a letter
to Senator Louis Wigfall, May 1863

"When the enemy was in sight, I was content to wait for the most favorable moment to strike-to estimate the chances and even decline battle if I thought them against me."

-General Longstreet in
a newspaper interview

"All that we have to be proud of has been accomplished under your eye and under your orders. Our affections for you are stronger, if it is possible for them to be stronger, than our admiration for you."

-General Longstreet in a letter to
General Lee from the Western Theater

"The General is a little nervous this morning; he wishes me to attack. I do not wish to do so without Pickett. I never like to go onto battle with one boot off."

-General Longstreet to
General John Bell Hood,
July 2, 1863

"General, I have been a soldier, engaged in fights by couples, by squads, companies, regiments, divisions and armies, and should know as well as anyone, what soldiers can do. It is my opinion that no fifteen thousand men ever arrayed for battle can take that position."

-General Longstreet to General Lee,
July 3, 1863 at Gettysburg

Richard S. Ewell

"...the conversion of Lieutenant-General Ewell, Jackson's able Lieutenant General was on this wise: At a counsel of war, one night, Jackson had listened attentively to the views of his subordinates and asked until the next morning to present his own. As they came away, Ambrose P. Hill laughingly said to Ewell 'Well! I suppose Jackson wants to pray over it.' Having occasion to return to his quarters again a short time after, Ewell found Jackson on his knees and



heard his ejaculatory prayers for God's guidance in the perplexing movements then before him. The sturdy veteran, Ewell, was deeply impressed by this incident and by Jackson's general, religious character that he said 'If that is religion

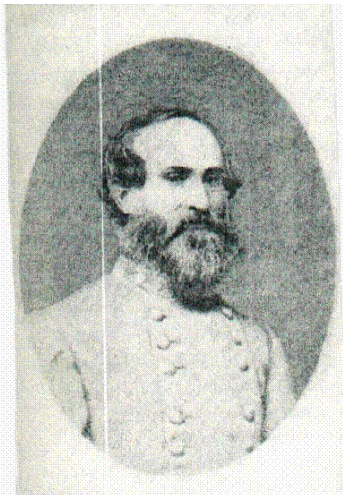
I must have it;' and in making a public profession of faith not long afterwards he attributed his convictions to the influence of Jackson's piety."

-Richard S. Ewell, the date is unknown?
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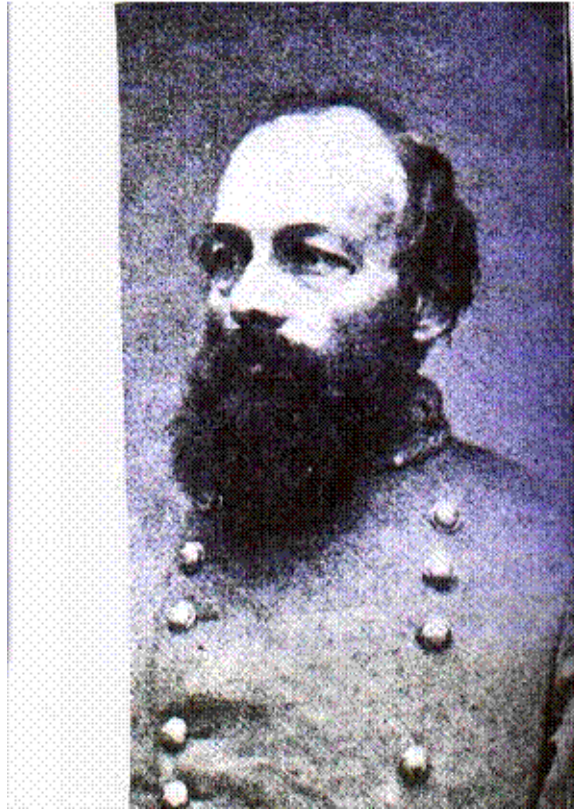
Jubal Early

"As we are now engaged in this contest, all my wishes, all my desires and all the energies of my hand and heart will be given to the cause of my state. Whether we have the right of secession or revolution, I want to see my state triumphant. "

-Jubal Early



Edmund Kirby Smith



"I have broken all ties that bind me to the [U.S.] Army, not suddenly, impulsively, but conscientiously and after due deliberation. I sacrifice more to my principles than any other officer in the Army can do. I would rather carry a musket in the cause of the South than be Commander-in-Chief under Mr. Lincoln."

-Edmund Kirby Smith

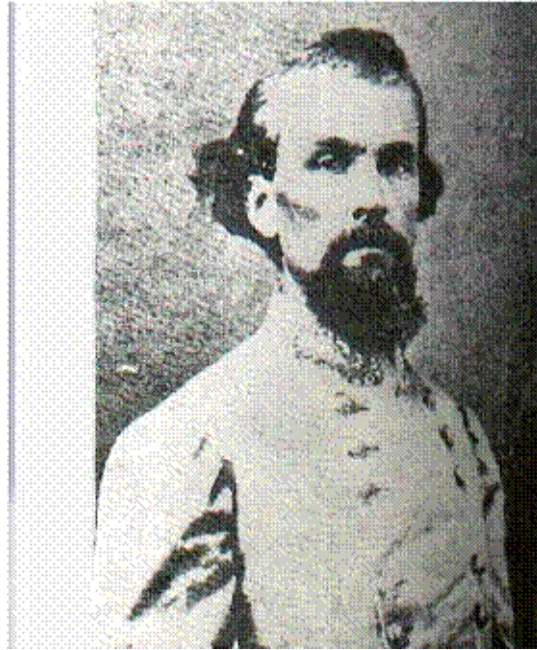
Joseph E. Johnston

"I owe all that I am to the government of the United States. It has educated and clothed me with honor. To leave the service is a hard necessity, but I must go. Though I am resigning my position, I trust I may never draw my sword against the old flag."

-Joseph E. Johnston



Nathan Bedford Forest



"Soldiers, the old campaign is ended, and your commanding General deems this an appropriate occasion to speak of the steadiness, self-denial, and patriotism with which you have borne the hardships of the last year."

-Nathan Bedford Forest to his men after
the campaign with John Bell Hood

"War means fighting and fighting means killing."

-Nathan Bedford Forest

"Get here first with the most men."

-Nathan Bedford Forrest expressing
Beauregard`s same idea expressed
in backwoods idiom

"Never stand and take a charge....charge them
too."

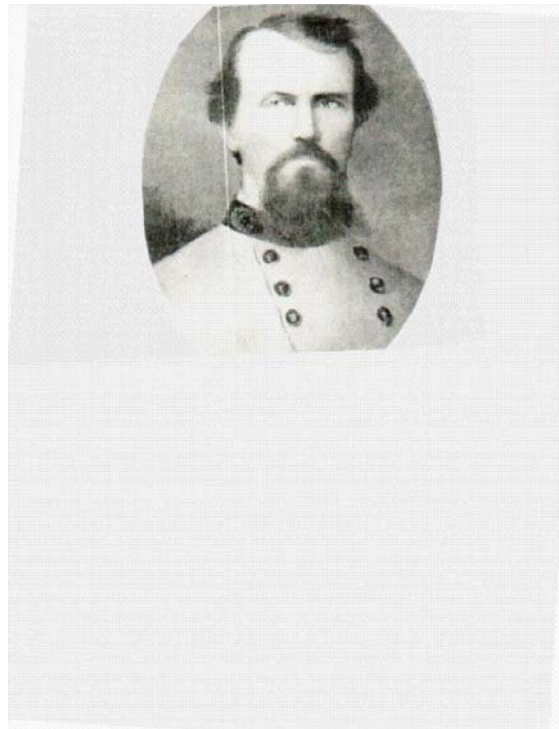
-Nathan Bedford Forrest

"Whenever you meet the enemy, no matter how
few there are of you and how many there are of
them, show fight."

-Nathan Bedford Forrest

"Men, do as I say and I will lead you to victory."

-Nathan Bedford Forrest to his men before the
assault on Fort Pillow, April 1864



"Civil War, such as you have just passed through, naturally engenders feelings of animosity, hatred and revenge. It is our duty to divest ourselves of all such feelings, and, so far as it is in our power to do so, to cultivate feelings toward those with whom we have so long contested, and heretofore so widely but honestly differed. Whatever your responsibilities may be to government, to society, or to individuals, meet them like men."

-Nathan Bedford Forrest,
Farewell address to his men,
May 9, 1865

"I did not come here for the purpose of surrendering my command."

-Nathan Bedford Forest, Fort Donelson, 1862

Jefferson Davis



"Our present political system has been achieved in a manner unprecedented in the history of nations.... It illustrates the American idea that government rests on the consent of the governed, and that it is the right of the people to alter or establish them at will whenever they become destructive of the ends for which they were established. Obstacles may retard, but they can no longer prevent the progress of a movement sanctified by its justice and sustained by a virtuous people."

-President Jefferson Davis's Inaugural Address,
Montgomery, Alabama, February 1861