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SECRET DEMOCRATIC CIRCULAR.

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The accompanying is a *fac simile* copy of a confidential circular sent out from New York to trusted Democratic leaders in the South. The foot note shows that great care has been taken to prevent exposure, only twenty-five prominent men in each doubtful Southern State being intrusted with the secret. This Democratic appeal, in the nature of instruction, is in the hands of trusted and unscrupulous leaders.

The name of the person addressed is withheld for prudential reasons, thus leaving a blank after the word "Hon." to be filled in writing:

New York, October 13, 1876.

Hon.

Sir: The 7th of November will be fraught with great moment to your people. Upon that day will be determined whether or not you are to remain under the yoke of the carpet-bagger, and the nativeborn thief, who, under the guise of republicanism, have been growing fat upon the substance of impoverished States. You hold your liberties in your own hands. You have it in your power to rid yourselves of your oppressors on that day, and by rising in your might you can carry every Southern State for reform and good government. Allow no sickly sentimentality to interpose in behalf of your plunderers. Drive them with one swoop from the polls; and if necessary deluge your land with their blood. The loss of even two Southern States will jeopardize Governor Tilden's prospects for election, in which event you need blame no one but yourselves. Be steady and freely resolve to put down radicalism and your deliverance is assured. On the day of the election, evade Grant's minions as much as you can, but let your unerring bullets pierce the breasts of ravenous carpet-baggers and scallawags.

*Strike, and let the watchword be, For country, home, and liberty.*

**By authority.**

N. B.—Keep this circular concealed; but twenty-five of them have been sent to as many leaders in each of the doubtful Southern States. It is expected that you will convey the above admonition to none but brave, resolute, and determined men.

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