

RICHMOND NEWS.

THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Whig of the 19th refers again to the subject as follows:

It is impossible that any person not unchristianized by long-cherished and implacable hatred, or bereft of reasoning faculties, can fail to deplore the murder of Abraham Lincoln. Apart from every public or political consideration, the damned deed should receive universal condemnation.* But, contemplated in connection with its political aspects and consequences, it becomes a crime of fearful import—to be regarded not only with abhorrence, but with the profoundest solicitude as to its effects upon the country—the South especially.

What these effects are likely to be we need not undertake to show to the intelligent or reflecting reader who already comprehends them. None others would heed the recital. Some of these effects—the development of intense public excitement—are indicated by the news extracts published in another column. They were inevitable results of the tremendous revulsion of public feeling occasioned by the announcement of the President's death. The people here can scarcely form an adequate conception of the reaction and excitement it must have caused.

We earnestly hope that our Northern friends will soon recover their equanimity, and view more calmly than they can be expected to do at present their sudden and agonizing bereavement. We reiterate the belief expressed yesterday, that the people of the South will regard this crime with loathing and horror. We received yesterday a communication from a prominent citizen, heretofore identified, we believe, with the Secession movement, repelling with warmth the insinuation of a Washington paper that the murder was instigated by Southerners. After quoting and expressing approval of the editorial remarks in yesterday's *Whig*, he says: "All this, I believe, is truly said concerning the whole of the South. At least I am sure it may be said with truth concerning *Virginia*."

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