

The Dominion of British West Florida is a non-secessionist Sovereign Nation, dedicated to the Restoration of the sovereignty of the People under God and the Crown.

Why a non-secessionist Sovereign Nation? Why not 'Fight for the Right'? Why should we remain a dependency of the American Republic, a nation itself born in War?

The people of the Dominion of British West Florida accept the current conditions of fact. We are not blind to the fact that the Dominion's Territorial Claims are fully enclosed and incorporated in those of the United States of America. Beyond these 'facts of the maps', we have a shared experience with the American People, and many of us feel an attachment to 'America' as our native land, the 'Home of the Free, and the Land of the Brave'. We are not prepared for a separation, much less for a divorce from our compatriots.

To attempt to separate ourselves from the American Republic by force, would be a rejection of the principal of lawful action. We must, as a people, as a Nation, always act in accordance with the Laws of the Land, in so far as those laws are not in direct contradiction to Scripture. If we condemn the American Revolution as an unwarranted use of violence against the lawful government of His Majesty King George III, we can not in good conscience advocate the use of force against the existing Union.

Those who advocate a more forceful approach to securing our liberties are ignorant of the history of our fair Dominion. The Peoples of the Dominion have tried, three times to remove the yoke of the Republic by force, and have suffered greatly as a result of each attempt, and gained nothing from the attempt. Our valiant efforts to support the United Empire during the war of the American Rebellion resulted in our lands being occupied by Spanish Forces, and granted by treaty to His Most Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain. The ill-fated attempt to establish ourselves as a republic, after the abdication of Charles IV of Spain, resulted in occupation and annexation by the United States of America. And while Tallahassee was the only Capitol in the East not taken by force during the War between the States, the peoples of our land suffered under the ravages of War, and the occupationists governments of the so-called 'reconstruction'.

In point of fact, we must remain within the United States of America. This does not mean we can not be Sovereign Nation. It is not an unknown thing, a Nation within a Nation. In the days of Empire many lands became protectorates of Great Britain, retaining for themselves local governance and authority while assigning to others the external affairs of War and Peace. The original Tribal Nations, though often mistreated, have maintained, and are now enhancing their status as Nations, albeit dependent nations. Under existing federal laws, they are able to judge their own people in their own courts, and to evict non citizens from 'tribal/national' lands.

Recognition as a 'dependent native nation' or a Protectorate of the United States would allow the Dominion of British West Florida the freedom to enact its own laws, binding on those that are members and citizens of our great 'Tribe', without calling upon us to sever the ties to the land and country we hold as dear as our ancestral homelands. This then is why we are and of right ought to be a non-secessionist Sovereign Nation: Sovereignty of the People, under God and Crown, can be achieved by peaceful means, in accordance with the Laws of God and Man. And as Sovereign Realm with the United States, our ability to act as Salt and Light for the American People would be greatly enhanced, as our light would be able to shine before them from within the house, giving light to all. As a secessionist state, even should it succeed, our light would at best be only that which could enter in at a window, or open doorway.

**The Dominion of British West Florida - We can run our own Country!**