

# Run up to the Civil War

February 1861

- Feb 1 Texas secedes from the Union
- Feb 4 Delegates from seceded states meet to establish the Confederate government
- Feb 8 The convention of seceded states adopts a Provisional Constitution
- Feb 9 Jefferson Davis elected provisional Confederate President
- Feb 12 Provisional Confederate Congress establishes Peace Commission to stop war with U.S.
- Feb 16 Texas state troops seize the U.S. Arsenal at San Antonio



Harper's Weekly: The surrender of ex-General Twiggs in San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 16, 1861

- Feb 18 Jefferson Davis inaugurated as provisional President of the C.S.A. at Montgomery, Alabama



Harper's Weekly photo

In Jefferson Davis' Inaugural Address he discusses the reasons he believes to be the causes of secession. "Actuated solely by the desire to preserve our own rights and promote our own welfare..." He also states his hopes for peace and prosperity between the Confederate States of America and the United States of America.

- Feb 19 Louisiana State troops seize the U.S. paymaster's office in New Orleans
- Feb 23 President-elect Lincoln arrives in Washington, D.C.