

MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
VANDALIA, Dec. 24th, 1832. }

*Fellow-Citizens of the Senate,
and House of Representatives:*

Since I had the honor to transmit to this General Assembly, my late message, in which allusion is made to the dangers resulting from the doctrine then advocated, and now practised upon by the State of South Carolina, I have seen and read, the ordinance promulgated by that State, in which is exhibited in frightful colours the awful tendency, of those doctrines.

In the view in which it presents itself to my mind, I can regard it in no other light, than as a TREASONABLE attempt to dismember this happy confederacy. In the same view, must it be regarded by all those, who admit the supremacy of the laws, revere the Constitution, or love the Union.

Since your last adjournment, I have received the proclamation of the President of the United States, which accompanies this message giving at large his views of the ordinance, and making a fervent appeal to the patriotism of the people to stand by the Constitution, and sustain him in all legal measures to enforce the execution of the laws and preserve the Union.

The appeal of our venerated chief magistrate, whose firmness and patriotism, have been manifested, as well in the field of battle, as through a long, and eventful life of the most trying emergencies, will not, I am assured, be in vain; but that, we will as one man, be ready to meet the crisis, which is too certainly approaching, and abide with him in the shock.

In the further discharge of my Constitutional duty, I would respectfully recommend the adoption of some resolution expressive of the sense of the people of this State, on the matters herewith submitted: and in that mode, or in some such as your wisdom may dictate, give the strongest assurances of the assent of the people to the views presented by the President, and of their firm and unalterable determination to sustain him at all hazards, and through all dangers to the final issue of the controversy.

JOHN REYNOLDS.