

A PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS,

Relative to the proceedings of a late Convention of South Carolina, and to the President's Proclamation in relation thereto.

WHEREAS, an unusual and alarming excitement prevails in the State of South Carolina, on the subject of the Tariff laws, awakened, as is believed, by a mistaken view of their constitutionality, and by exaggerated representations of their unequal operation; and whereas, heretical and dangerous doctrines have sprung up under the name of *nullification*, in which the constitutional right in a state, to render nugatory and resist the laws of the United States, and to secede from the Union, is boldly assumed; and whereas, a Convention, delegated from a portion of the citizens of that state, has recently passed an Ordinance, a copy of which, and of the report of a committee of said Convention thereon, and of Addresses to the people of the several states and of South Carolina, transmitted by order of the said Convention, through the Governor of that state to the Governor of Indiana, avowedly for the information of this Legislature, are now before the same; and whereas, we, the Representatives of the people of Indiana, view the doctrines contained in those documents, as carrying with them internal evidence of their impracticability, absurdity, and treasonable tendency; and whereas, we regard the said Ordinance, as prescribing to, and attempting to enforce upon the people of South Carolina, "a course of conduct, in violation of their duty as citizens of the United States, contrary to the laws of their country, subversive of its constitution, and as having for its object the destruction of the Union," and as a necessary consequence, the prostration of our liberties—Therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, that we deeply deplore the political heresies, and threatened disorganization, recently promulgated by a portion of our brethren of South Carolina.

Resolved, That we cordially concur in the persuasive appeals of our venerable Chief Magistrate, to the people of South Carolina, to pause ere it be too late to save themselves from ruin.

Resolved, That the sentiment, "our Union must be preserved," meets with a hearty response from the people of