

sion of Congress, that has any bearing at all on the subject is the declaration of the South Carolina Convention, that that State will secede from the Union, unless the protecting policy be forthwith abandoned. The bill, reported by the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, proposes the immediate abandonment of the protecting policy. Does it require any argument to make it appear, that the report of this bill is one of the results of the South Carolina Convention? Does it require any argument to shew, that the passage of such a bill, reported under such circumstances, into a law, would be as inconsistent with the honor as it would be with the interest of the country?

Your committee think not, and conceiving it to be of great importance that the opinion of this General Court should be distinctly and promptly expressed upon the subject, they respectfully submit the following Resolves.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee.

A. H. EVERETT, Chairman.

RESOLVES

IN RELATION TO A BILL NOW PENDING IN THE CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives of the United States have reported a bill for the further reduction of the duties on imported goods, the passage of which into a law would materially affect the interests of the people of this Commonwealth, and

Whereas, it is important that the opinion of the General Court should be expressed upon the subject, in order that the Senators and Representatives of this Commonwealth may be better enabled to understand, and give effect to the wishes of their constituents—Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled, That the passage into a law of the bill for the further reduction of the duties on imported goods, now pending in the House of Representatives of the United States, would prostrate the principal branches of our domestic manufactures, destroy our agricultural enterprise,