

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, February 15, 1833.

The Joint Select Committee, appointed to consider so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the proceedings of the late Convention of the people of South Carolina, and the purposes and policy thereof: and to whom have been referred Resolutions of the States of Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Illinois, North Carolina and Delaware upon that subject, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following

REPORT :

In the partial Report which they have already submitted, the Committee stated in general terms the character of the proceedings of the late Convention of the people of South Carolina; and the subject is now so familiar to the public, that it does not seem necessary to enter very fully into a recapitulation of facts. It is generally known that this Convention, which appears to have been assembled agreeably to the forms prescribed by the Constitution of the State, met at Columbia on the 22d of last November:—that almost immediately after, and with very little deliberation, it proceeded to pass an Act, denominated an Ordinance, declaring null and void all the laws of the United States which impose duties upon the importation of foreign goods, particularly those of the 19th of May, 1828, and the 14th of June, 1832; prohibiting the execution of them within the State of South Carolina, and making it the duty of the Legislature to pass such laws as should be necessary to give full effect to the Ordinance, and to prevent the enforcement and arrest the execution of the laws aforesaid—that the Legislature, at a session subsequent to meeting of this Convention, has in fact passed certain laws for these purposes, which were to go into operation on the first day of this month, and which, if executed, must bring the constituted authorities of the United States and of South Carolina, into open collision,

The papers in the hands of the Committee include a printed copy of this Ordinance of the Convention, transmitted by its order to His Excellency the Governor, and also printed copies of a long report of the committee which drafted the Ordinance, and of addresses in the name of the Convention