

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight
Hundred and Thirty-Three.*

RESOLVES,

*In relation to the proceedings of the Convention of South
Carolina.*

Whereas, The People of South Carolina, assembled by their Delegates in Convention, have recently passed an act, denominated an Ordinance, purporting to annul certain acts of the Government of the United States, and to arrest their execution within the limits of that State, and have transmitted a copy of the same to His Excellency the Governor, with an accompanying address to the people of this Commonwealth, setting forth the reasons by which they justify this extraordinary measure; and

Whereas, It is important that the opinion of the General Court of this Commonwealth should be publicly and distinctly expressed upon those proceedings, in order that their silence may not be construed into acquiescence in the propriety of the same, or approbation of the reasons alleged in justification of them: therefore,

RESOLVED, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled; That the Constitution of the United States of America is a solemn SOCIAL COMPACT, by which the people of the said States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, formed themselves into one body politic, under a common Government: that this Constitution, and the laws of the United States made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made under the authority of the same, are the supreme law of the land, any thing in the Constitution or