

the improvement is situated, because the authority of Congress extends no further than to carry into execution the enumerated powers. The power of Congress consists of the specified grants enumerated in the constitution, and of the further grants to pass all laws necessary and proper for carrying them into execution, as well as all other powers vested in the Government of the United States, or any department or officer thereof. South Carolina has not attempted, by any argument, to prove that the controverted power is not comprehended within the grants specifically enumerated; nor to show it to be unnecessary and improper as a means of carrying any of them into effect.

The General Assembly believes the power to construct roads and canals, to be granted in the clause authorizing the establishment of post offices and post roads, and the power 'to regulate commerce among the several states;' and that the power to make roads and canals is a necessary implication from the military and commercial powers conferred on Congress.

Both of those measures which have been considered, have deep foundations in the convictions and in the affections of the people of Kentucky. Both are believed to be essential to the permanence and to the prosperity of the Union. Both are sanctioned by the opinions of many of the most venerable and illustrious of our statesmen and patriots, including General Washington, the first president of the United States, and the father of his country.

And the General Assembly of Kentucky cannot omit to avail itself of an occasion so appropriate, to call to its aid the oft repeated sentiments of their most distinguished fellow-citizen, Henry Clay, whose zealous and able exertions, and whose eminent services in support of both of those measures, have been equalled only by his ardent patriotism and his unbending integrity.

Entertaining these sentiments and views in relation to the subjects embraced in the resolutions of the State of South Carolina, and in the proceedings of the States of Virginia, Georgia and Mississippi, the General Assembly has expressed them with all the courtesy and respect called for by the relation which subsists between members of a common political family, having a common interest in the perpetuation of the Republic; but at the same time with the firmness and confidence arising from a consciousness of having truth and reason on its side: Therefore,