

ments; which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by congress.

That the right to annul a law of the general government assumed by one state, is incompatible with the existence of the union, contradicted expressly by the letter of the constitution, unauthorised by its spirit, inconsistent with every principle on which it was founded, and destructive of the great object for which it was formed.

That our fellow-citizens of South Carolina, who remain faithful to the constitution and laws of the United States, are entitled to the protection of the general government, both for their property and their persons.

That if any state, regardless of the constitutional remedies which are afforded for every grievance and oppression should attempt to withdraw from the union, it is the right and duty of the general government, to protect itself, and the other states from the fatal consequences of any such attempt.

*Further resolved,* That the ordinance of nullification of South Carolina is calculated to mislead her citizens from the true character of the Federal government, and the just allegiance which they owe to that government.

*Resolved,* That this state is ardently attached to the union; that it does not desire any additional powers to be conferred on the general government, but wishes every delegated power to be exerted, that has a tendency to strengthen the bonds that unite us, and to fortify the hope that the union will be perpetual.

*Resolved,* That this state does not recognise the power in any state to nullify a law of Congress, nor to secede from the union, and that it will sustain the general government in the exercise of every constitutional means to preserve unimpaired the integrity of the United States.

*Resolved,* That our mutual interests and general welfare impel us to guard with care the integrity of the constitution, and to appeal in the most solemn and affectionate manner, to the other states, and particularly to South Carolina, to reciprocate with this state its well founded attachment to the union, and to oppose, with becoming firmness, every infraction of those great and fundamental principles of the constitution which form the only basis on which our happy institutions can with safety repose.