

to the serious detriment of those who have invested their fortunes in its cultivation, and who, unless they procure a modification of the excessive duties and burdens thus imposed, will be compelled to abandon its cultivation, which failing, the navigation and all other subordinate interests and advantages dependent thereon, must fail with it; *and whereas*, the liberal policy of the United States in lessening, as far as practicable, the duties upon the exports of those countries has not been reciprocated by them in this particular; *and whereas*, so long as other nations refuse a fair and reciprocal exchange of products, our commercial relations with them must be injurious to the agricultural welfare of the country, which is repugnant to that spirit of reciprocity which should characterise the commercial intercourse of every enlightened nation; *and whereas*, the State having surrendered to the Government of the United States the power to regulate commerce and to form commercial treaties with foreign Governments—Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* the Executive of Maryland be requested to communicate with the President of the United States upon this subject, with the view of inducing the Government of the United States, by instructions to our diplomatic agents, to use their efforts in obtaining from foreign nations a reduction of the existing duties imposed on the introduction of tobacco within their respective limits.

*Resolved*, That the Executive of this State be further requested to communicate with the Executives of the several States interested in the cultivation of tobacco, asking their co-operation in procuring, through the medium of the General Government, a reduction of the duties imposed on tobacco by foreign nations, and that they be requested to call the attention of the Legislature of their respective States to this subject.

*Resolved*, That the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States, be requested to take under their especial care this highly important and much neglected interest, and to call the serious attention of Congress to the subject, in order to effect a reduction of the high duties imposed upon tobacco by foreign governments to a fair and equitable scale of commercial reciprocity.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State.