

lature of the State of Maine, I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of certain Resolutions received from that Body, presenting to the consideration of Congress, and the attention of the Legislatures of the several States, the claims of the Agricultural community to protection, by a proper adjustment of duties on wool and other agricultural productions, which I beg leave to commend to your favorable consideration.

A. W. BRADFORD.

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STATE OF MAINE.

Resolve relating to duties on Wool:

WHEREAS, The ordinary resources of the General Government having been greatly diminished in consequence of the rebellion, compelling a resort to heavy duties, upon all articles of foreign production, used and consumed by our people, and

Whereas, woolen fabrics and articles of necessity, consumed by those engaged in agriculture have been heavily burthened under the Morrill and other tariffs, and a further increase of duties being contemplated by the present Congress, and a tariff upon foreign wool, which comes in competition with our own production, having been almost wholly neglected or forgotten; therefore,

Resolved, that our Senators and Representatives, be instructed to urge upon Congress, the just claims of our farmers, to an equal protection with other branches of the industry of the country, by adjusting the tariff in such a manner, that as high as a rate of protection shall be afforded to wool, and agricultural products generally, as other productions and pursuits may receive, under the present or any future tariff;

Resolved, that the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions, to each of our members in Congress, and to the Governors of the several States, with a request that they be recommended by the several Executives, to the Legislatures of their respective States.

In the House of Representatives, February 28th, 1862.
Read and passed.

G. P. SEWALL, Speaker, p. t.

In the Senate, February 28th, 1862. Read and passed.

J. H. GOODENOW, President.

March 1st, 1862. Approved.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.