

And whereas it is but just and reasonable that other nations should extend to those agricultural products of the United States which partake in their character of the nature of luxuries the same liberality and favor that the United States are now extending towards articles of the same nature, of foreign growth or manufacture: And whereas it is essentially necessary that some efforts should be made to mitigate the present distressed and suffering condition of the tobacco growers, and to prevent a total sacrifice of an immense capital now invested in the cultivation of that article, or its necessary transfer to the southern country, where the cultivation of cotton and sugar hold out more inviting inducements, and which, if such an event should take place, must necessarily drain those sections of the country where tobacco is now made, of much of their present wealth, and a large portion of their population, and also tend to lessen the value of cotton and sugar, by reason of their increased production.

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 Maryland be requested to communicate with the Executives of the several states interested in the cultivation of tobacco, asking their cooperation in obtaining, 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 Legislatures 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 that they be particularly requested to oppose all and every adjustment of the present tariff, without obtaining for the tobacco interest a fair and equal participation in the benefits to be derived from such adjustment.

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.