

RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO FEDERAL AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS, The State of South Carolina, by her ordinance of A. D., 1852, affirmed her right to secede from the confederacy, whenever the occasion should arise, justifying her in her own judgment in taking that step; and in the Resolution adopted by her Convention, declared that she forebore the immediate exercise of that right, from considerations of expediency only.

AND WHEREAS, More than seven years have elapsed since that Convention adjourned, and in the intervening time assaults upon the institution of slavery, and upon the rights and equality of the Southern States, have unceasingly continued, with increasing violence, and in new and more alarming forms; be it, therefore,

1st. Resolved, unanimously, That the State of South Carolina, still deferring to her Southern sisters, nevertheless respectfully announces to them, that it is the deliberate judgment of this General Assembly, that the slave-holding States should immediately meet together to concert measures for united action.

2nd. Resolved, unanimously, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be communicated by the Governor to all the slave-holding States, with the earnest request of this State that they will appoint deputies, and adopt such measures as in their judgment will promote the said meeting.

3rd. Resolved, unanimously, That a Special Commissioner be appointed by His Excellency, the Governor, to communicate the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions to the State of Virginia, and to express to the authorities of that State the cordial sympathy of the people of South Carolina with the people of Virginia, and their earnest desire to unite with them in measures of common defence.

4th. Resolved, unanimously, That the State of South Carolina owes it to her own citizens, to protect them and their