

ADDRESS

TO THE

PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

BY THEIR DELEGATES IN CONVENTION.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The situation in which you have been placed by the usurpations of the Federal Government, is one which you so peculiarly feel, as to render all reference to it at this moment unnecessary. For the last ten years the subject of your grievances has been presented to you. This subject you have well considered. You have viewed it in all its aspects, bearings, and tendencies, and you seem more and more confirmed in the opinion, expressed by both branches of the Legislature, that the tariff, in its operation is not only "grossly unequal and unjust, but is such an abuse of power as is incompatible with the principles of a Free Government, and the great ends of civil society," and that if persisted in, "the fate of this State would be poverty and utter desolation."—Correspondent with this conviction, a disposition is manifested in every section of the country to arrest by some means or other, the progress of this intolerable evil. This disposition having arisen, from no sudden excitement, but having been gradually formed by the free and temperate discussions of the Press, there is no reason to believe, that it can ever subside, by any means short of the removal of the urgent abuse; and it is under this general conviction, that we have been convened to take into consideration, not only the character and extent of your grievances, but also the mode and measure of redress.