

Being conneted, as we are, with our brethren of South Carolina, by the strongest ties of consanguinity, and endeared by the mutual reciprocity of friendly intercourse and national attachment, being sensible of the importance of our connection as States belonging to the same Federal Union; we cannot but deprecate every effort or measure which is calculated, in the remotest degree, to operate to the severance of any of those ties, or render doubtful the permanent existence of our Confederacy. And entertaining as we do, the most implicit confidence in the wisdom, justice and integrity of the General Government, we are well persuaded that no partial evil would be permitted to exist in any particular section of the Union, should it not be apparent that such evil was fully overbalanced by a general benefit afforded, by the same policy out of which that evil was found to spring up. Such evils, if such exist, we should endeavor to remedy in a spirit of moderation and good faith, to the end, that the unparalleled prosperity of the whole Union, unequalled as it is, in the history of civilized man, may not be intercepted, or paralyzed in any of its parts.

Believing that the prosperity and independence of this Republic mainly depend upon the general peace and harmony which ought to exist among the several states, and that all should ever keep in view the adopted maxim, "United we stand, divided we fall;" we feel it a duty, therefore, as American citizens, to cling with pertinacity to the Constitution of the United States, and to the preservation of the Union of the States. We cannot, therefore, view with indifference, much less can we lend our aid to any measure which is calculated to disturb the integrity of that Union.

Resolved, therefore, by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, that we view with the deepest regret the unhappy movements, and apparent determination of the late Convention of the people of South Carolina, to nullify the laws of the General Government, made in conformity to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, that the Federal Union exists in a solemn compact entered into by the voluntary consent of the people of the United States, and of each and every State, and that therefore, no State can claim the right to secede from, or violate that compact; and however grievous may be the proposed or real burthens of a State, the only legitimate remedy is in the wise and faithful exercise of the elective