

3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia, and these States are respectfully requested, through their respective legislatures and their members of Congress, to co-operate with us in endeavoring to effect an object so desirable as the reduction of the duties on tobacco in foreign countries.

S. PRICE,
Speaker House of Representatives.

M. M. MARMADUKE,
President Senate.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS an untarnished reputation, based upon strict integrity and a rigid adherence to good faith in all our public transactions, is not only of inestimable importance, but indispensably necessary to the well-being, prosperity and happiness of our common country ;

And whereas we have hitherto preserved inviolate our plighted faith, and cherished with enthusiasm our unblemished honor, regarding it as a precious heritage from noble sires, earned by the toil, purchased by the blood, and endeared to us by the sufferings of the patriots of the Revolution ;

And whereas it is not only highly dishonorable, but directly conflicting with every principle of justice and morality, for any State, nation, or people to repudiate or disown obligations contracted in good faith and with mutual concurrence, because such contracting power is not legally responsible, or such obligation may not be legally enforced ;

And whereas, in a portion of our Union, doctrines have been promulgated tending to degrade the national honor, destroy the national credit, and debase the national character, unjustly involving in a common odium the other portions of this Union, and causing our name to be a by-word and reproach throughout the civilized world ;

And whereas a belief extensively prevails that these odious doctrines meet with a silent assent, if not general approbation, throughout our confederation, thereby tarnishing, by implication our country's fair fame, and rendering it not only expedient, but highly necessary and proper, that the voice of the people, in their primary assemblies and in their legislative halls, should be universally, fully and unequivocally expressed—therefore