

least to suspend its operation until the close of the first session of the next Congress.

2. Resolved, That the Congress of the United States be and they are hereby earnestly and respectfully requested and entreated so to modify the acts laying duties and imposts on the importation of foreign commodities, commonly called the Tariff Acts, as to effect a gradual but speedy reduction of the resulting revenue of the general government to the standard of the necessary and proper expenditure for the support thereof.

3. Resolved, That the people of Virginia expect, and in the opinion of the General Assembly, the people of the other states have a right to expect, that the general government and the government of South Carolina, and all persons acting under the authority of either, will carefully abstain from any and all acts whatever, which may be calculated to disturb the tranquility of the country, or endanger the existence of the Union.

And whereas, considering the opinions which have been advanced and maintained by the Convention of South Carolina, in its late Ordinance and Addresses, on the one hand, and by the President of the United States, in his Proclamation, bearing date the 10th day of December, 1832, on the other, the General Assembly deem it due to themselves and the people whom they represent, to declare and make known their own views in relation to some of the important and interesting questions which these papers present—therefore,

4. Resolved by the General Assembly, That they continue to regard the doctrines of State Sovereignty and State Rights, as set forth in the Resolutions of 1798, and sustained by the Report thereon of 1799, as a true interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, and of the powers therein given to the general government; but that they do not consider them as sanctioning the proceedings of South Carolina, indicated in her said Ordinance; nor as countenancing all the principles assumed by the President in his said Proclamation; many of which are in direct conflict with them.

5. Resolved, That this House will, by joint vote with the Senate proceed on this day to elect a commissioner, whose duty it shall be to proceed immediately to South Carolina, and communicate the foregoing preamble