

The select committee, to which was referred so much of the executive communication, as relates to certain resolutions of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, in relation to certain proceedings of the government of the state of Georgia, deeply and extensively affecting the integrity and stability of our civil institutions, have carefully considered the importance of the same, and respectfully submit the following report:

The committee believe that it is not only the right, but the duty of the legislature in the exercise of their conservative functions, while they would carefully avoid any effort improperly to influence the judicial tribunals of a sister state, to express their views and opinions, with freedom on all constitutional questions involving a common interest.—The committee hold it an undeniable proposition, that the federal constitution, the laws of the United States correspondent therewith, and all treaties made by competent powers, are of importance, and authority paramount to the constitution and laws of any state; and that the judiciary of any state is concluded by the same; although at variance with the constitution and laws of any component part of the union—Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no state can constitutionally enjoin on its executive officers, to disregard or resist any process, or mandate, served by the authority of the United States courts, acting in their legitimate sphere.

*Resolved,* That it is the duty of the President of the United States to take care that the constitution, the laws of the United States, and the treaties made under their authority, are faithfully executed.

*Resolved,* That the senators and representatives of the State of Maryland, in congress, be, and they hereby are requested and instructed to use all the means in their power to preserve inviolate the public faith of the country, and to sustain the rightful authority of the government of the United States, in all its departments.

*Resolved,* That his excellency the governor be, and he hereby is requested, to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the governor's of all the other states, to the end that they may be submitted to the legislatures of the same for their consideration, and also to the senators and representatives of this state in congress.

The select committee, to which was referred, so much of the Executive communication, as relates to a report adopted, and resolutions passed by the Legislature of the