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Overt Acts.

Those who seek to justify or palliate their acquiescence in the rule of a Black Republican dynasty over this State on the weak pretext of waiting for an overt act of outrage and oppression, would do well to read and consider the following array of overt acts of aggression against the South, which Governor Wise has so forcibly grouped in one of his recent speeches. After rehearsing a history of the rise and progress of secession, Governor Wise proceeds:

Kentucky Resolutions of 1798 and 1799. THE ORIGINAL DRAFT PREPARED BY THOS. JEFFERSON. 1. Resolved, That the several States composing the United States of America, are not united on the principles of the unlimited submission to the general government; but that by compact under the style and title of a Constitution for the United States, and amendments thereto, they constituted a general government for special purposes, delegating to that government certain defined powers, reserving each State to itself the residuary mass of right to their own self-government, and that, whenever the general government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthorized, void, and of no force; that to this compact each State acceded as a State and as an equal party; that the government, created by this compact, was not made the exclusive or final judge of the extent of the powers delegated to itself; since that would have made its discretion and not the Constitution, the measure of its powers; but, that as in all other cases of compact, among parties having no common judge, each party has an equal right to judge for itself as the final and most authentic arbiter and measure of its powers.

into execution the powers vested by the constitution in the government of the United States, or any department thereof, goes to that destruction of all the rights and powers by the general government, which would mean by the limited powers, ought not to be so constructed as themselves to give unlimited power, nor a part to be taken, as to destroy the whole residue of the instrument. That the proceeding of the general government under color of those articles, warranted by the constitution, is a usurpation, and a violation of the rights of the States, and that the State to itself the residuary mass of right to their own self-government, and that, whenever the general government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthorized, void, and of no force; that to this compact each State acceded as a State and as an equal party; that the government, created by this compact, was not made the exclusive or final judge of the extent of the powers delegated to itself; since that would have made its discretion and not the Constitution, the measure of its powers; but, that as in all other cases of compact, among parties having no common judge, each party has an equal right to judge for itself as the final and most authentic arbiter and measure of its powers.

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