

practical to be a source of revenue, and that they be sold to settlers in limited parcels at a price barely sufficient to reimburse to the United States the expense of the present system...

In former messages I have expressed my conviction, that the constitution does not warrant the application of the funds of the General Government to objects of internal improvement...

Without some general and well defined principles ascertaining those objects of internal improvement to which the means of the Nation may be constitutionally applied...

If a system compatible with the constitution cannot be devised, which is free from such tendencies, we should recollect that that instrument provides within itself the mode of its amendment...

Being solemnly impressed with the conviction that the extension of the power to make internal improvements beyond the limits have suggested...

In a detailed and highly satisfactory report of the operations of the War Department...

The troops under General Scott in Arkansas, and of the militia of the State of Illinois, were called into the field...

This campaign has evinced the efficient organization of the Army, and its capacity for prompt and active service...

Our fellow citizens upon the frontiers were ready, as they always are in the hour of their services in the hour of danger...

But it is obvious that the militia system is imperfect. Much time is lost, much unnecessary expense incurred...

With this portion of the Cherokees, however, living within the State of Georgia, it has been found impracticable, as yet, to make a satisfactory adjustment...

Ample indemnity was offered for their present possessions, a liberal provision for their future support and improvement...

Besides the general remarks on some of the transactions of our Navy, presented in the view which has been taken of our Foreign relations...

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ADDRESS To the People of the United States. BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

We, the People of South Carolina, assembled in Convention, have solemnly and deliberately declared, in our paramount sovereign capacity...

In resorting to this important measure, to which we have been impelled by the most sacred of all the duties...

For this purpose it will be necessary to state briefly, what we conceive to be the relation created by the Federal Constitution...

We hold then, that on their separation from the Crown of Great Britain, the several Colonies became free and independent States...

It is true that in ratifying the Federal Constitution, the States placed a large and important portion of the rights of their citizens...

But clear and undoubted as we regard the rights as we regard the duty of the states to interpose their sovereign power for the purpose of protecting their citizens...

Such however, is the melancholy and painful necessity under which we have declared the acts of Congress imposing protecting duties...

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and unrestricted use of the productions of our industry. This clearly involves the right of carrying the productions of that industry wherever they can be most advantageously exchanged...

Almost the entire cotton crop of S. Carolina, amounting annually to more than six millions of dollars, is ultimately exchanged either for foreign manufactures...

Let it be also assumed, in conformity with the facts of the case, that New Jersey, for example, produces of the very same description of manufactures...

No indignity can either grade or refute this proposition. For even if the planters of South Carolina, in the case supposed, were to sell and not consume the productions...

This single view of the subject, exhibits the enormous inequality and injustice of the protecting system in such a light...

Every representative in Congress should be responsible, not only to his own immediate constituents, but through them and their common participation in the burden imposed...

plunder. Of all the means of increasing the wealth of the South, the most honorable right to exercise...

Even the States most deeply interested in the maintenance of the protecting system will admit, that it is the interest of South Carolina to carry on a commerce of exchanges with foreign countries...

What right, then, human or divine, have the manufacturing States—for we regard the Federal Government as a mere instrument in their hands...

Upon what principle, then, can the State of South Carolina be called upon to submit to a system, which excludes her from her natural markets and the manifold benefits of that ennobling commerce...

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