Before I conclude, I feel called on to notice the frequent allusion made to South Carolina during the course of this discussion. Every one who has listened to what has been said, must have been struck with the bold assertions of the Senator and others who have taken the same side, in reference to her depression and difficulties. It has been solemnly asserted that no one could venture to say that she has realized any of the anticipated advantages from reduction of the duties. I propose to answer these bold and declamatory assertions, as I have others of like kind, by appealing to facts, resting on official documents. For this purpose I have selected the same period of twenty one years, from 1819 to 1841, divided into the same divisions of seven years each, and have formed a table marked H, giving the exports from the State for each year and the aggregate exports for each division. Reference to it will show that the aggregate exports in value from the State during the first period, from 1819 to 1826 inclusive, was $55,545,572 and that from the next, terminating with 1833, under the operation of the two high tariffs of 1824 and 1828, the aggregate exports decreased to 252,965,513, showing a falling off of a million and a half, under high duties. Turning, then, to a period of reduction, the period depicted by gentlemen as so disastrous to the State, we shall find instead of a decrease, the aggregate exports of the period swelled to $378,338,534, being an increase of $25,375,021, compared to the preceding period of high duties. The effect on the imports is still more striking, both in the falling off during the period of high duties, and recovering under that of reduction.

But it has been attempted to explain this rapid increase of exports on the ground that a large portion are the products of Georgia, drawn to the port of Charleston by the railroad to Hamburg, opposite to Augusta. It is probable that there was a greater amount from Georgia during the last period, compared with the preceding, from that cause, but nothing like sufficient to account for the increase, as would be manifest by turning to the exports and imports of Georgia for the same periods. I find on examining them, that they have followed the same laws in the two periods, the exports remaining about stationary during the period of high duties, and the imports regularly falling off, and both immediately and regularly increasing throughout that of the reduction; with this difference, that Georgia has increased in both even more rapidly than Carolina, probably because of her increased population. But be that as it may, it clearly shows that the great increase of Carolina is not owing to the cause to which it is attempted to attribute it.

But as great as the impulse is, which has been given to her export trade, I do not deny that South Carolina, like all the other States, is suffering under great pecuniary embarrassments, not, however, in consequence of reduction of duties, but in spite of it. Her suffering is from the same general causes already explained, with the addition of several peculiar to herself. Short crops for bad seasons for the last two years; a destructive fire, in the heart of her commercial capitol, which destroyed a large portion of that city; a heavy loss estimated at about three millions of dollars, from the insolvency of the United States Bank of Pennsylvania; a large expenditure on a railroad project, which has been found impracticable; and the deranged state of the currency in the surrounding States which has done much to embarrass her commerce. But, in the midst of all difficulties, she stands erect, with a sound currency and unimpeached credit; and is likely to ride out the storm as any other State. Gentlemen greatly mistake, if they suppose she is so ignorant and stupid as to confound the cause of her difficulties with whatever

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Having finished my remarks as far as they relate to these resolutions, I proceed to advert, in conclusion, to a topic which has been drawn into the discussion by almost every one who has spoken on the opposite side. It would seem that there has sprung up, all at once among our manufacturing friends, no great solicitude about us of the South, and our great staples. They look on our ruin as certain, unless something should be done to prevent it, and are ready to lend succor to the distress about to overwhelm us. There is in Hindostan a great and successful rival, about to drive us entirely out of the cotton market of the world; against which, according to their opinion, there is but one refuge, the home market, to be secured by protective duties. To this panacea they resort for every disease that can afflict the body politic. But admit the danger, I ask to what service would the home market be to us, if we lose the foreign? We have already possession, substantially, of the home market. The whole amount of cotton goods imported for consumption in 1840, was little more than six millions of dollars, about the one eighth in value compared with that manufactured at home. Of the imported, by far the larger proportion are fine and light articles, which would require but a small quantity of the raw material to manufacture them into form for the market. I suppose, less than thirty thousand bales; so that if every yard of cotton goods consumed in the country was made at home, it would add but little to the quantity of cotton already consumed in the cotton manufactures. What, I ask, is to be done with the residue, which is five or six times greater, and now finds its market abroad? Do we suppose that we are such simpletons as to assent to high duties on all we consume—to be highly taxed in all that we eat, drink or wear, for such paltry consideration? But suppose we should be simple enough to do so, can we suppose that a step, what security have we that the East Indians would not prove to be cheaper than ours, as yet allege it well, that the duty which would be imposed could not be repealed, just as soon as ever [illegible] lodge, raw hides, and [illegible] might be supplied [illegible] pardon me. I cannot [illegible] ingenuity may have shown, in connecting [illegible] the compromise act. [illegible] nun a little consequence and [illegible] withstood. You may [illegible] before you ask us to [illegible]

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proved a failure. I will thank the Secretary to read it:

Cultivation of Cotton in India.—Since the publication of the letter on this subject, addressed by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce to the Indian Government, we have learnt, through the medium of letters received by the last overland mail, that the efforts of the American planters who went to the western side of India have so far entirely failed. Indeed, so far as we can learn there has been very great neglect and mismanagement on almost every point connected with their operations. It would seem as if the directors of the East India Company had thought it was quite enough to send them to India, and that all further care about them was quite unnecessary; for on their arrival in that country, they found that no direction respecting them had been given; and they were absolutely losing their time for two or three months, until instructions could be received from the Government. Then, instead of letting them survey the country, and choose the situation and soil which appeared best adapted for the culture of cotton, when instructions were received, they were taken at once to Broach, and there placed under the direction of a gentleman who felt no interest in the matter, but who took upon him to choose soil and situation for them. He allotted them what was considered very good cotton land—that is, land of a strong and tenacious quality, exceedingly well adapted for the growth of the native cotton, but which former experiments had shown to be very unfavorable to the American plant, which has a large tap root, and thrives as badly in the stiff black soil in which the native cotton is grown, as carrots would thrive in a stiff clay in this country. As a matter of course, their crop of upland cotton has failed, with the exception of a very small patch which they had planted on a piece of light sandy soil, which the tap roots of the cotton were able to penetrate, and on which the plants were exceedingly luxuriant, and covered with large pods of cotton. From the strong black soil, it was not supposed that they would be able to pick a pound per acre of good cotton. So far, therefore, the cultivation of American cotton in Upper India has made no progress, nor do we imagine that it is very likely to do so hereafter. From all we have read upon the subject of Indian cotton cultivation, it seems to us, that the best chance of success is to be found on a careful and discriminating growth of native varieties, and a careful gathering and cleaning of the produce. This was one of the objects to ards which the attention of the American planters was to be directed; but, hitherto, we find very little has been done. At the date of the latest advices from Broach (the 24th of November,) they were putting up a gin house for ginning native cotton; but, owing to the great number of obstacles necessarily experienced in such a country as India, they made very slow progress with their work and it was feared that the growing crop would be entirely over before their gins were ready. Up to the date mentioned, no satisfactory experiments had been made as to the capability of the native cotton to stand ginning. Some trials were about to be made with a hand gin, which, one would suppose, ought to have been the first step taken, before incurring a large expense in erecting machinery, which may prove useless. On the whole, we fear the prospect of receiving any large supply of superior cotton from India is not at present very flattering. In order to overcome the difficulties presented by the habits of the people, and by other causes, great energy and perseverance, on the part of the agents of the Indian Government entrusted with the control of the experiments, is absolutely necessary; and [illegible] long passes in their service. Hitherto, we believe the Government agents have but a cold and indifferent ear to the experiments; and it is, therefore, to be feared, that, unless the matter should be put into other hands, there does not seem to be much chance of any good results from experiments from which so much was expected.—*Manchester Guardian.*

In confirmation of the opinion of the writer of the article, that of intelligent individuals, well acquainted with the country, might be added, who talk with confidence, that, taking price and quality into consideration, we have nothing to [illegible] apprehend. We might, indeed, have something to fear during the continuance of the Chinese war. That country is the principal market for the cotton of Hindostan, and while it remains closed, the cotton intended for its market may be thrown in such quantities on the European as may materially depress the price. But the present relation between Great Britain and China cannot long continue. It can scarcely be doubted that the war will at last succeed in opening the market of China to the commerce of the world on more equitable terms than it has ever been heretofore; which, so far as competing with us, may [illegible] sufficient to supply the demands of that great market.

But I am not ignorant that we must rely for raising the cotton [illegible] on the [illegible] and capacity for producing the article. Nearly, if not altogether, one half of the solid surface of the globe is capable of producing cotton, and that too in the portion the most populous, and where labor is the cheapest. We may have it [illegible] every where in a belt of 70 degrees of breadth, lying on each side of the equator and extending around the globe. Not only the far East but all Western Asia, quite to the 35th or even to the 40th degree of latitude, a large portion of Europe, almost all Africa, and a large portion of the continent, now [illegible] to be a cotton producing region. What a [illegible] of cotton does this [illegible] a large portion of [illegible] compete as to the production, which [illegible] to a great [illegible] struggle [illegible]

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when hard pressed, can furnish within itself almost all of its supplies. Cuba is a fine provision country, and, when needs be, can furnish most of its supplies of food and clothing from its own resources. In prosperous times, when the price of our staples is high, our labor is almost exclusively directed to their production, and then we freely and liberally part with their proceeds in exchange for horses, mules, cattle, hogs, and provisions of all descriptions from the West, and clothing and all the products of the arts with the North and East; but when prices fall and pressure comes, we gradually retire on our own means, and draw our own supplies from within.

With these great advantages, it is not wonderful that in all the great struggles that we have had for the cotton market, (they have been many and great,) we have ever come off successful. It is incident to that great staple article, cotton, the first in the whole circle of commerce to be subject to extraordinary vibrations of price from the causes to which I have alluded. At one time prices are high and profits small. It can be permanently cultivated only by those who can best go through these great vibrations. We are willing to hold it on that condition, and feel confident we can, with justice from this Government. We dread not the competition of Hindostan; but your unequal, unconstitutional, and oppressive legislation—that legislation which pushes the expenditures of the Government to the most extravagant extent, and which places the burden of supporting the Government almost exclusively on the exchanges of our products with the rest of the world. Every dollar of tax imposed on our exchanges in the shape of duties, impairs to that extent our capacity to meet the severe competition to which we are exposed; and nothing but a system of high protective duties, long continued, can prevent us from meeting it successfully. It is that which we have to fear. Let the planters avoid banks, keep out of debt, and have a sound currency and low duties, and they may bid defiance to competition, come from what quarter it may, and look forward with confidence to a prosperity greater than they have ever yet experienced.

From the South Carolinian.

TEXAS MEETINGS, &C.

We greatly regret to see that a Meeting has been held in Charleston, to provide measures of aid to Texas, in its contemplated invasion of Mexico, and that urgent and exciting appeals are making in the papers, to the same effect. Can it be possible that those engaged in these measures do not see the glaring impropriety of them, and how much the character of their State, and safety of the South is involved in them? It is surely one of the first duties of the citizen, to sustain his Government, in all its legitimate measures, and especially so in involving its relations with foreign nations. Are these meetings calculated to promote the negotiations, now pending between our Government and Mexico, and for the prosecution of which a Minister has just been despatched to that country, with special instructions? Is it consistent with the public faith and honor of the country, or the duty of the citizen, for the latter to be making open war upon Mexico, while the former is at peace with it—professing peace, and a desire for peace, and prosecuting peaceful negotiations? Is it be right for a portion of our citizens thus to take measures for war, it must be equally so for all of them to do the same; and is there one of us that would not [illegible] the very [illegible] of Mexico [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]