

39

the Operation of the Non-Exportation Agreement would disable him to pay, and that he could not approve of a Conduct in a collective Capacity, which, as an Individual, he should blush to acknowledge: that he thought it a Duty he owed to his own Sincerity to mention this Sentiment, but did not mean to obstruct the good Purposes proposed by an Union of Measures; that he would cheerfully comply with the Non-Consumption and Non-Importation Agreement, and should give a passive Obedience to the Non-Exportation Article; that an Individual, as a Member of Society, ought to conform his Actions to the general Will of it, but that Opinions could not be altered without Conviction, or insincerely expressed without Dishonesty. In consequence however of this Declaration, notwithstanding Mr. Macknight / expressly said, that he desired not any Disapprobation of the Measure to be expressed by that Body, and was only willing to acquit himself of his Duty, by declaring in Convention his own Sentiments of it, it was proposed and carried, that a Declaration to the Purport above mentioned should be signed by all

p. 4. 1st column