

RESOLUTIONS.



No. 1.

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Relative to the Union of the States, and the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met,

Acknowledgment of the supremacy of the constitution and laws of the U. S.

That the Constitution of the United States, and the laws of the United States, made in pursuance of the Constitution, are the supreme law of the land to which every citizen of the United States owes obedience, and that no authority whatever can release him from his obligation to obey or require him to take any oath or enter into any engagement inconsistent with such obligation, and that every pretension on the part of a State or any portion thereof, so to release any citizen of the United States, or so to require of him, is unconstitutional and without the least foundation of right, and can afford neither shelter nor excuse for offences he may commit against the laws of the United States.

Denial of the right to nullify acts of Congress.

Resolved, That no portion of the citizens of the United States, have a rightful power to render invalid an act of the Congress of the United States, duly made by the people's representatives, and approved by the Executive, in the mode prescribed by the Constitution, nor to nullify the same either generally or within particular districts, but that every such act of Congress continues in full force every where within the United States; notwithstanding any such asserted nullification; and all persons who resist its execution; offend against the Constitution and laws of the United States, and are liable to prosecution and punishment for such offence.

Denial of the right of any state to withdraw from Union.

Resolved; That no State has a right to withdraw from the Union, and to declare itself independent of it, and that every attempt to do so, would be a virtual infrac-

tion of the Constitution of the United States, justifying and requiring the use of constitutional measures to suppress it.

Resolved, That the faithful execution of all laws of the United States made in the mode prescribed by the constitution, is a duty enjoined upon the President of the United States, in the constitutional discharge of which he is entitled to and ought to receive the aid and support of every citizen of the Union. Duty of president in regard to the execution of the laws.

Resolved, That it is the clear and indisputable right of Congress, to impose duties upon importations and of the government of the United States, to collect the duties payable by law upon goods imported into every part of the Union, and that every resistance to the collection of the same, is an offence against the Constitution and laws of the United States, and that the offenders are liable to prosecution and punishment for such offence. Constitutionality of the tariff.

Resolved, That in enforcing by all constitutional means the laws passed by Congress, for imposing and collecting duties upon goods imported into the United States, and all other acts of the Congress of the United States, and in bringing to punishment all persons who under any pretence, may offer resistance to them, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will if necessary aid and assist the government of the United States by all the means in her power. Commonwealth's assistance proffered to aid the general government.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves jointly and individually to sustain the Chief Magistrate of the United States, in all constitutional measures, calculated to preserve and perpetuate the Union of the States. Pledge of support.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, and to each Senator and Representative in Congress from this Commonwealth, and the several Governors of the respective states and territories of these United States. Transmission of resolutions

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JESSE R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twentieth day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

GEO. WOLF.