

Public Meeting.—Agreeably to notice given by the circulation of hand bills in various parts of the town, an assemblage of from eight hundred to a thousand persons convened at the College Chapel at 4 o'clock on the evening of the first inst. to take into consideration the proper mode of relief from the evils of the present Tariff. The Hon. *Wm. H. Crawford* was called to the Chair, and *Asbury Hull*, Esq. appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated by *W. H. Torrance*, Esq. of Baldwin Co. who concluded by moving that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the individuals assembled, upon the course necessary to be pursued in relation to this odious system—which motion was adopted. The Hon. *A. S. Clayton* arrived just as the motion passed, and immediately addressed the Chair, moving a reconsideration of the vote just taken, with a view to present to the meeting a preamble and resolutions already prepared, and in his possession. Upon this motion considerable debate ensued—Judge Clayton, Judge Berrien, Col. T. F. Foster, W. C. Dawson, Esq. Judge Longstreet, Gen. Harden, and John Milton, Esq. advocating, and Gen. Glasscock, W. H. Torrance, Esq. Judge Harriss, Dr. Tinsley, C. Terrell, Esq. and D. M. Stewart, Esq. opposing it. Col. R. L. Gamble was in favor of appointing the *speakers* to constitute a committee. After two ineffectual attempts to decide the motion, the preamble and resolutions alluded to were read at the request of the Chairman, by Judge Berrien, who, in his usual able and masterly manner, advocated their passage—which was finally effected by a large majority. They are as follows:

Whereas, the people of Georgia, as well in primary assemblies of citizens in their respective counties, as by their Representatives in the Legislature thereof, have repeatedly and solemnly declared the several acts laying duties on imports, (in so far as such acts transcended the purposes of revenue, and were designed for the protection of manufactures,) to be unjust, oppressive, and unconstitutional; and have solemnly announced their determination not to submit to such unlawful exactions; and their consequent resolution to resist them, if after a reasonable time they should not be repealed.

And whereas, the good people of this state and others, having common interest with them in this matter, have looked to the period of the payment of the National Debt, as that, at which the income raised by taxation should be reduced to the sum required by the wants of the Government, by duties fairly imposed upon all the imports of the United States—and have expected from the justice of that Congress which has just closed its session, a repeal of these obnoxious laws.

And whereas, this reasonable expectation has been disappointed, and the protection of manufactures is now avowed as a permanent principle of Federal legislation.

Be it therefore resolved, That we as free citizens of Georgia, will not longer submit to the system of legislation which is arbitrary, unequal, unconstitutional, and therefore unjust—that it be recommended to our fellow citizens in the several counties to elect delegates to a State Convention, to assemble at Milledgeville on the second Monday in November next, and to invest them with full power in behalf of the good people of

Georgia to maintain, preserve, and defend the rights and privileges of the free citizens of this state.

Resolved that _____ be a committee of correspondence to confer with our fellow citizens of other States, on all matters connected with our common interests.

Two or three amendments were introduced, which for want of copies we cannot publish; they were rejected, however, by decided majorities.

The blank contained in the last resolution, will be filled by the Chairman, by the appointment of seven gentlemen, whose names will appear hereafter.

