

TO THE PEOPLE OF GEORGIA.

FELLOW CITIZENS—The undersigned have been appointed a Committee, by the Convention which has just temporarily closed its sittings, "to prepare an address to the People of Georgia, illustrating the objects and proceedings of that body."

In the discharge of this duty, we desire respectfully, but earnestly to commune with you, on questions of deep and solemn import, intimately connected with the peace and prosperity of our common country, and necessarily therefore, interesting to every citizen of Georgia. The crisis at which we have arrived is one of awakening interest. No man can be insensible to the dangers which beset us.—No patriot can be indifferent to the consequences which may flow from them. A portion of the people of this great confederated republic, respectable for their numbers, and principles of civil liberty, complain of the systematic and persevering oppression to which they are subjected by their brethren. A system of taxation has been adopted by the Federal Government with the distinctly avowed object of protecting domestic manufactures. Its character may be thus briefly described: It lavishes bounties upon one class of our people, which are extorted from another, and a different portion of the same people. It denies to the American citizen the right of regulating his own industry according to the dictates of his own judgment, a right which is equally essential to individual and national prosperity. It forbids to the planter of the South the right of selecting his own market, and makes him tributary to the manufacturer of the North for the necessaries of life. It does this by an usurpation of the power to create and uphold domestic manufactures within the States, a power which is not conferred upon the Federal Government by the Constitution, but which was expressly refused by the Convention of States, which framed it, and by the gross and palpable perversion of the constitutional power to lay and collect duties for the legitimate purposes of the Government. Against this systematic and continued oppression, the people of Georgia have for a series of years remonstrated, as well in primary assemblies of our citizens, as through the medium of the constituted authorities of the State. **THESE REMONSTRANCES HAVE BEEN DISREGARDED.** The solemn protest of the Legislature of Georgia, deposited in the archives of the Senate of the United States, in perpetual testimony of the determination of this people not to submit to these oppressions, was almost unheeded in the moment of its presentation, and utterly forgotten or disregarded in that which followed it.

In this alarming condition of our affairs, a great majority of our citizens assembled in their respective counties, had resolved to meet in general convention for the purpose of considering the evils under which we labor, and of devising the most proper and efficient mode of redress. Delegates from sixty counties accordingly assembled at this place on Monday the 12th November instant, and having exhibited their credentials, proceeded to enter upon the duty assigned to them: At an advanced period of the session, after having participated in its organization, and shared in all its preceding deliberations, a portion of the delegates, some of whom had been appointed to, and had served on the general committee which was raised to consider what objects ought to engage the attention of the Convention, and what would be the most proper means to effect the same, who had shared in the labors of that committee, and had expressed their assent in substance and with some ver-