

COMMUNICATION, &c.

MILLEDGEVILLE, GEO. }

December 28, 1832. }

SIR—In conformity with a joint resolution of the General Assembly of this State, I transmit to you the accompanying preamble and resolutions, approved the 22d inst.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your ob't serv't.

WILSON LUMPKIN.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

For as much as throughout the United States, there exist many controversies growing out of the conflicting interests, which have arisen among the people, since the adoption of the Federal Constitution, out of the cases in which Congress claims the right to act under constructive or implied powers; out of the disposition, shown by Congress, too frequently to act under assumed powers, and out of the rights of jurisdiction, either claimed or exercised by the Supreme Court—all of which tend directly to diminish the affection of the people for their own government, to produce discontent, to repress patriotism, to excite jealousies, to engender discord, and finally to bring about the event, of all others most deeply to be deplored, and most anxiously to be guarded against, viz: a dissolution of our happy Union, and a severance of these States into hostile communities, each regarding and acting towards each other with the bitterest enmity.

And the experience of the past having clearly proved, that the Constitution of the United States needs amendment in the following particulars:

1. That the powers delegated to the General Government, and the rights reserved to the States or to the People, may be more distinctly defined.
2. That the power of coercion by the General Government over the States, and the right of a State to resist an unconstitutional act of Congress may be determined.
3. That the principle involved in a Tariff for the direct protection of domestic industry, may be settled.
4. That a system of Federal taxation may be established,