

## REPORT

### *On the Tariff and Internal Improvement.*

The Committee on the State of Republic, to  
communication as relates to the powers of the  
General Government, claimed and exercised  
for the purposes of encouraging domestic ma-  
nufactures, and effecting a system of internal  
improvement, beg leave to make the following  
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The committee are aware that it is assumed by the General Government, as expressed in the decisions of the Federal Court, that State Legislatures have no right to complain of its usurpations however formidable or fatal. That the General Government is said to be "truly and emphatically a government of the People," and therefore entirely out of the reach of representative bodies whose sole duty it is to keep within the sphere of their own delegated trust. It would seem that if even such a pretension were admissible, it should be considered no great breach of decorum, for a sovereign state through its highest known authority to approach a government it had contributed to establish, with a subject of complaint, especially when it is perceived that much inferior bodies are patiently listened to, and listened to with effect. While manufacturing companies and self-created delegates, pretending to represent whole States, assemble for the purpose of directing the Congress what measures they must adopt, surely the Legislature of a State without much violence to any known rule of modesty, may respectfully offer a counter remonstrance to such a growing temper of dictation. But it is not in this humble manner that your committee would recommend the Legislature to prefer their just complaints to the General Government. They claim it as a right to remonstrate with that Government on all measures which they may conceive violative of the fundamental principles of its institution. They affirm that those who create a delegated govern-