The Committee on Foreign Relations to whom was referred the Message of the President of the United States of America of the 2d June, 1812, respectfully report, that, after the experience which the United States have had of the great injustice of the British Government towards them, exemplified by so many acts of violence and oppression, it will be more difficult to justify to the impartial world than patient forbearance, than the measures to which it has become necessary to resort, to avenge the wrongs, to vindicate the rights and honor of the Nation. Your Committee are happy to observe, on a despicable conduct of the United States, in a review of the facts, that they see no cause for censure.

P. If a long forbearance under injuries ought ever to be considered a virtue in any Nation, it is one which peculiarly becomes the United States. No People we had stronger motives to cherish Peace: None have ever cherished it with greater sincerity and zeal.

But the period has now arrived, when
deliver them up, are encroachments
of that high and dangerous tendency,
which could not fail to produce,
that pernicious effect. Nor would these,
be the only consequence, that would
result from it. The British Govern-
ment might, for a while, be satisfied
with the ascendancy thus gained
over us; but its pretensions would soon
increase. The proof which so complete
and decisive to a submission to its
authority, would afford, of our degrada-
tion, could not fail to inspire confidence,
that there was no limit
to which its usurpations, and our
degradation, might not be carried.

If our Committee, believing, that the freedom sons
of America are worthy to enjoy that liberty which
their Fathers purchased at the high cost of so much
blood and treasure, and seeing in the measures adopted
by Great Britain, a course commenced and persis-
ted in which must lead to a loss of National
character & Independence; feel no hesitation
in advising resistance by forces. In which
the Americans of the present day will prove
to the enemy and to the world, that we have not only inherited that liberty, which our fathers gave us, but also the will & power to maintain it. Relying on the patriotism of the Nation, and confidently trusting that the Lord of Hosts will go with us to battle and crown our effort with success. in a righteous cause, if our Committee recommend an immediate appeal to Arms.

Amer.

12th Congress, 1st Session. 8th of May 1813.

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John Adams

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