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To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States in Congress assembled.

THE Memorial of the undersigned, citizens of Rutland County and its vicinity in the State of Vermont
RESPECTFULLY SHewERE, THAT, Your memorialists have for a long time witnessed, with feelings of deep concern, the injurious consequences resulting to our manufactures from the want of adequate Legislative protection, against the immense consolidated capital, the long experienced and practical skill, the cheap labor, the crowded population, and excessive competition of European nations. Against the cheap labor of foreign countries, made cheap by reducing the wages of the Laborer to the lowest amount that will barely sustain life, (an amount that makes ten in a hundred paupers, and keeps eighty of the remaining ninety in a situation but little above pauperdom.) We desire protection.

Your Memorialists further shew, that, They have viewed with still deeper feelings of concern, not unmixed with alarm, the want of countervailing legislation to protect the lumber of the North East, and the grain of the North West, the tobacco and hemp of the Middle States, and the beef, pork and wool of all the States, from the high discriminating duties which are levied upon all these important staples in all those European countries with which we have any considerable commerce.

Your Memorialists further shew, that, In the policy pursued by our great customer, England, in relation to our only remaining staple, cotton, we can clearly see, that, as it regards a foreign market, in a few years cotton will be where wool is now.

In view of these and many more considerations equally pressing and equally obvious, we respectfully, but most earnestly, entreat of Congress to at once enter upon the consideration of such a system, and so soon as may be to mature it, as will ensure adequate protection to our manufacturers and mechanicks, a home market to our farmers, and true, and not merely nominal, independence to all.

B. Mayhew
Lideon Cotton
Amos Fuller
Wm G Adams
Warren Brown
Jona Wilson
Charles Clement
Josiah Wood
Benney Richmond
David Colton
Silas Cotton
J. Richardson
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