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The Committee on Foreign Relations to whom was referred the Message of the President of the ~~first instant, report~~ United States of the 1st of June, 1812, Report, ~~That~~

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 their patient forbearance, than the measures to which it has become necessary to resort, to avenge the wrongs, & vindicate the rights and honor of the Nation. Your Committee are happy to observe, on a dispassionate review of the conduct of the United States, that they see no cause for censure.

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 ever 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 those,
be the only consequences, that would
result from it. The British Govern=
ment might, for a while, be satis=
fied with the ascendancy thus gained
over us, but its pretensions would soon
increase. The proof which so complete
and des[illegible] a submission to its
authority, would afford, of our degene=
racy, could not fail to inspire
confidence, that there was no limit
to which its usurpations, and our
degradation, might not be carried.

Your Committee, believing, that the freeborn sons
of America are worthy to enjoy the liberty which
their Fathers purchased at the price 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 force. In which
the Americans of the present Days 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 in a righteous cause, and crown our efforts with success — your Committee recommend an immediate appeal to Arms —

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of the causes and reasons of War with Great Britain presented to the House of Representatives, by the Committee of Foreign Relations

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read and ordered to lie on the table.

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