

abandonment will be prejudicial to them, and ruinous to every other section of the Union. However strong their convictions may be, they are not stronger than ours. Between the points of the preservation of the System and its absolute repeal, there is no principle of union. If it can be shown to operate immoderately on any quarter; if the measure of protection to any article can be demonstrated to be undue and inordinate, it would be the duty of Congress to interpose and apply a remedy. And none will co-operate more heartily than I shall, in the performance of that duty. It is quite probable that beneficial modifications of the System may be made, without impairing its efficacy. But, to make it fulfil the purposes of its institution, the measure of protection ought to be adequate. If it be not, all interests will be injuriously affected. The manufacturer, crippled in his exertions, will produce less perfect and dearer fabrics, and the consumer will feel the consequence. This is the spirit, and these are the principles only, on which, it seems to me, that a settlement of this great question can be made, satisfactorily to all parts of our Union.

APPENDIX.

A.

A view of the Tonnage of the United States from 1815 to 1829.

Years.	Registered.	Enrolled and licensed.	Total.
1815	854,204.74	513,833.04	1,368,127.78
1816	800,759.63	571,458.85	1,372,218.53
1817	809,724.70	590,186.66	1,399,911.41
1818	606,088.64	609,096.61	1,225,184.20
1819	612,930.44	647,821.17	1,260,751.60
1820	619,047.63	661,118.66	1,280,166.24
1821	619,096.40	679,062.30	1,298,958.70
1822	628,150.41	686,548.71	1,324,699.17
1823	630,920.76	696,644.87	1,336,565.68
1824	669,972.60	719,190.37	1,389,163.02
1825	700,787.08	722,323.69	1,428,111.77
1826	737,978.15	706,212.68	1,534,190.83
1827	747,170.44	873,437.34	1,620,607.78
1828	812,619.39	928,772.50	1,741,391.87
1829	841,406.16	976,994.41	1,818,490.57

As the tonnage account was corrected at the treasury in 1829, the following deductions are to be made from that year:

Registered tonnage sold to foreigners for 1829,	14,093.22
Do. do. lost at sea,	17,692.83
Do. do. condemned as unseaworthy,	11,454.70
Corrections by striking from the balance of outstanding tonnage, vessels sold to foreigners, lost, and condemned in previous years, and heretofore credited,	156,315.74
Enrolled and licensed tonnage arising from the same cause,	358,136.12
	557,692.71
Add to this the actual tonnage,	1,260,797.81
The apparent tonnage, as above,	1,818,490.57

As there are no data to ascertain when the correction should have been made, the only mode of showing the comparative amount of tonnage, or rather the gradual increase