

negotiation, while carefully concealing the fact from those senators and members of Congress, who, it might be fair to presume, would not approve the treaty, but might raise their voice and warn the country of the impending danger. But it remains a curious fact that, while certain friends of free trade in and out of Congress appear to have been fully apprised of the progress of the scheme, others could obtain no information on the subject. The letter I have just read and other papers overcame my incredulity and excited my curiosity, and on the 3d of June, seven days after the date of the letter, I asked unanimous consent to submit the following resolution. It was read and objected to by Mr. Cox, the ever-ready representative of the foreign trade of New York. It, however, went to the Associated Press, and served to warn the country, and call forth many protests:—

“Whereas, By section 7, article 1 of the Constitution of the United States it is provided that all bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives, and by section 8 of said article it is further provided that Congress shall have power to levy and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, and to regulate commerce with foreign nations: therefore be it

“Resolved, That the President of the United States be and he is hereby requested to inform this house whether the Executive Department of the government is at this time engaged in considering the terms of a treaty by which commerce between the United States and the British Provinces of North America is to be regulated, and by which Congress will be deprived of its constitutional right to control these important subjects, thus specifically confided to it by the express terms of the Constitution.”

What the Organs of English Manufacturers say.

Let me refer to another line of proof that this so-called Canadian treaty is an English job. It is the jubilant tone of the home organs of British manufacturers at the prospect of coming free trade with the United States. I have seen many expressions of this kind, and could produce several, but shall detain you by reading but one, which you may accept as a sample of the many. Referring to the meetings held after the plot had been discovered, in various parts of Pennsylvania, by the representatives of a number of industries, to protest against the ratification of this treaty, the *Sheffield Telegraph* of August 22 says:—

“What wonder these gentlemen indulged in heated speeches and passed condemnatory resolutions? They know that, the reciprocity treaty once passed, the days of monopoly are numbered. Congress