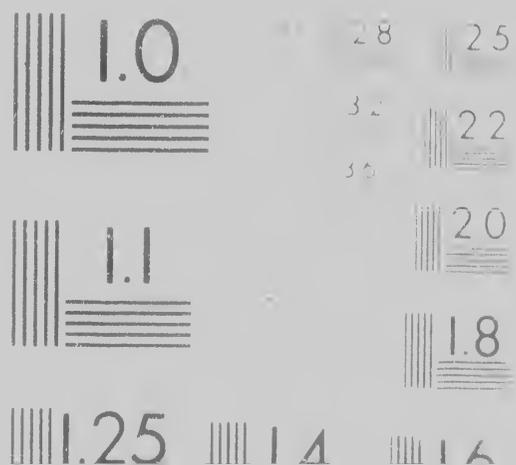


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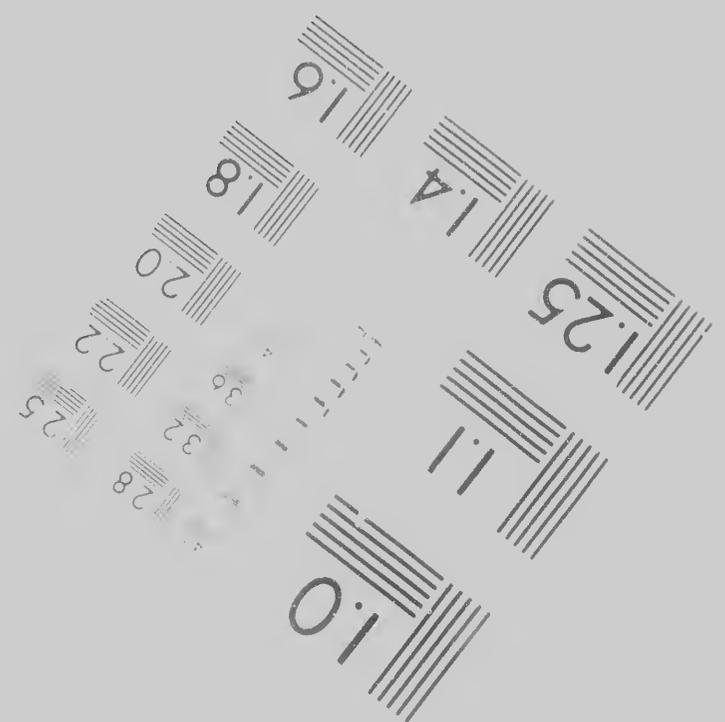
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WE have the pleasure of announcing, that Com. RODGERS, after a cruise of five months, has arrived at *Newport*, having taken, destroyed, and ransomed 27 sail of vessels.

This information is communicated to us by Capt. Russell of Salem, who has this moment arrived in town from New Bedford. He informs us, that the Russian Cartel ship *Hoffnung*, arrived there on Saturday last, from Plymouth, (Eng.) having spoken, off Nantucket Shoals, two

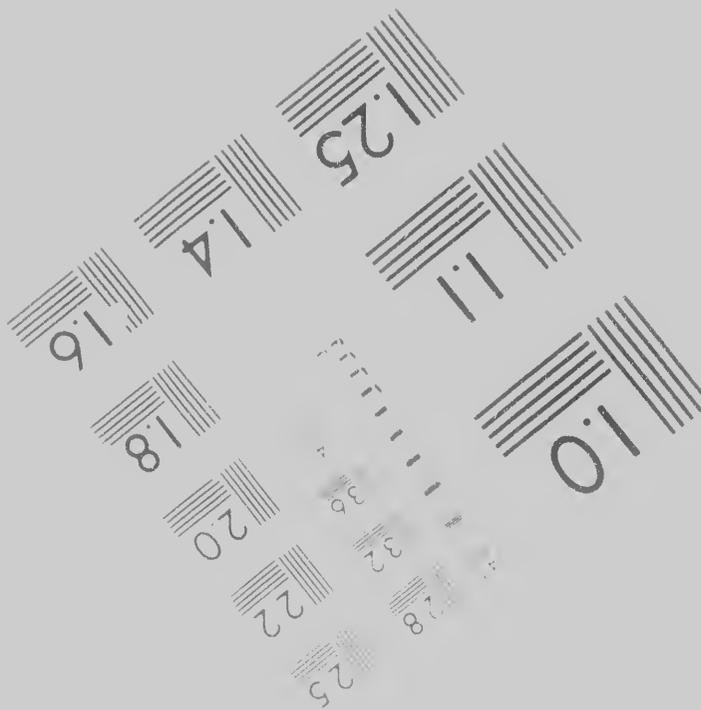




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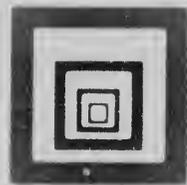


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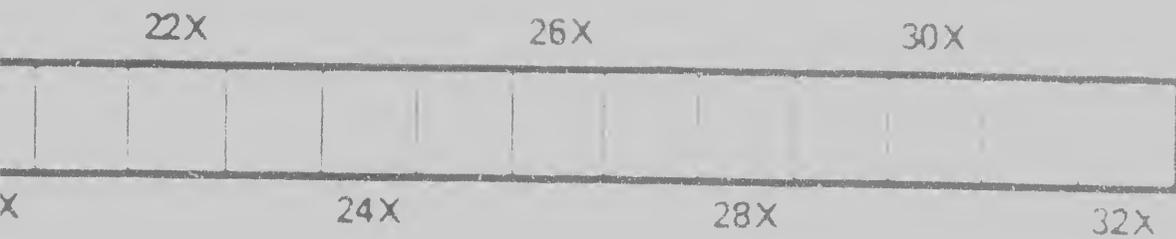
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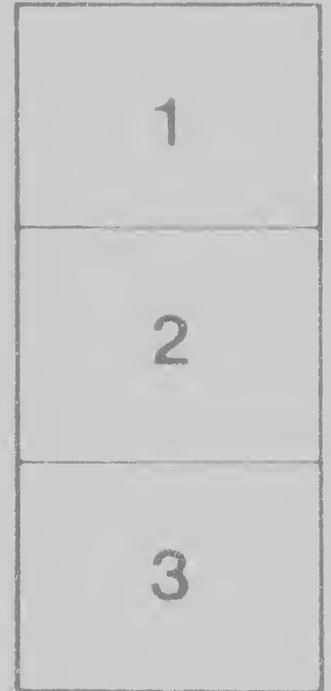
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Since preparing the above, we have understood that the Commodore, during the above mentioned chace, finding the frigate about 5 or 6 miles a head of the 74, hove too and hoisted his colors; but that the frigate then immediately altered her course, and stood for the 74



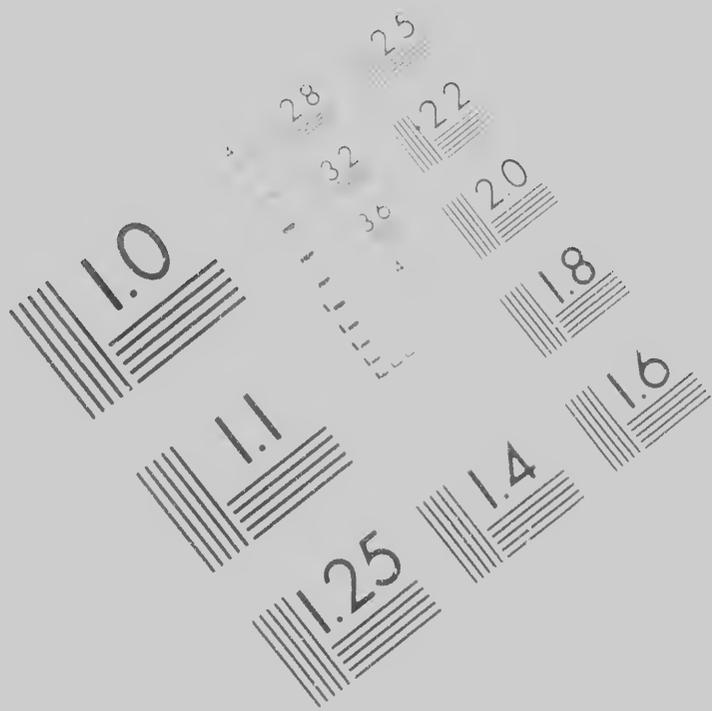


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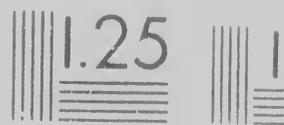
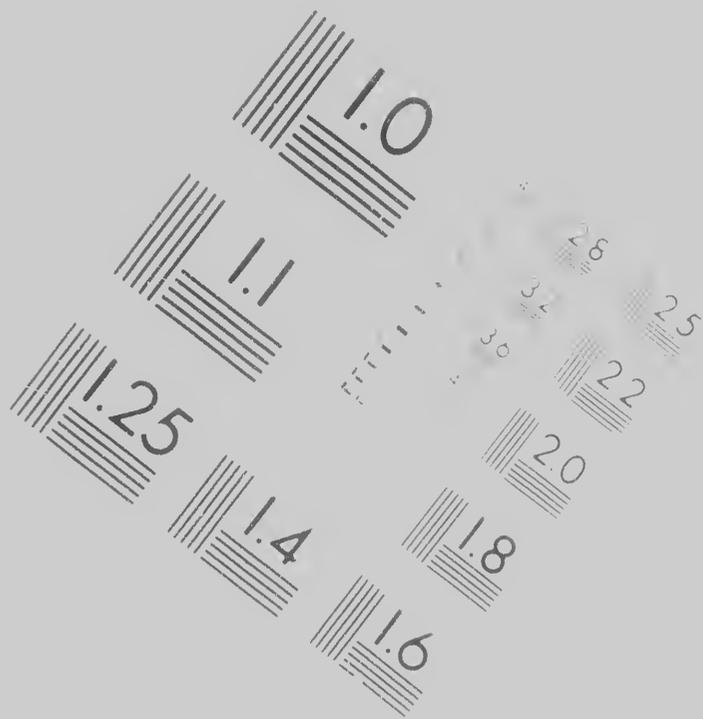


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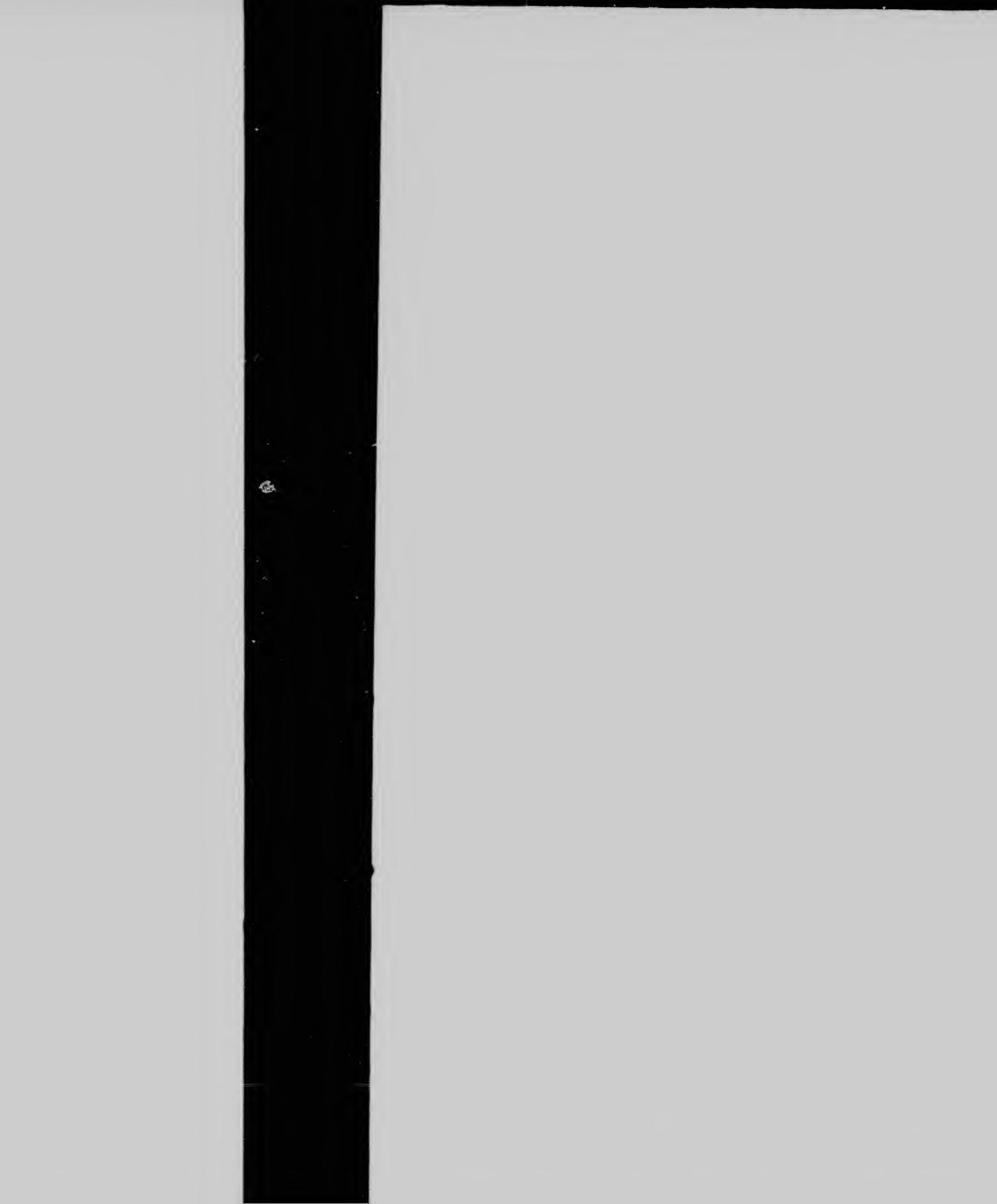
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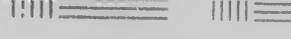
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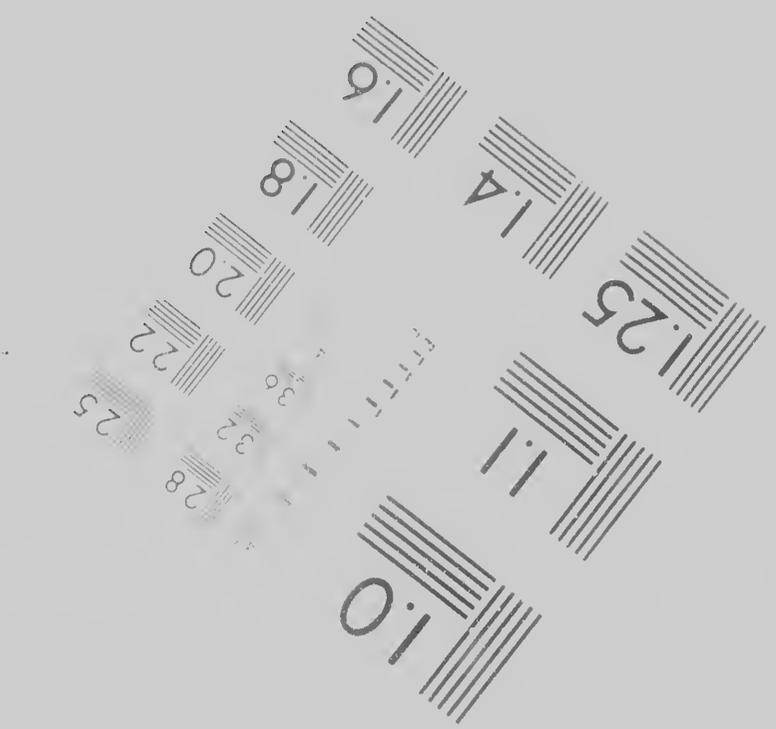
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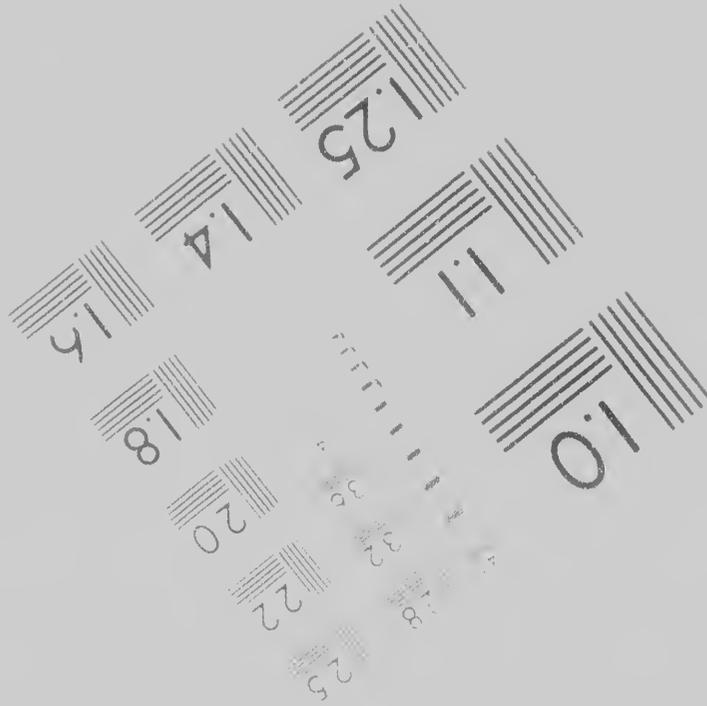
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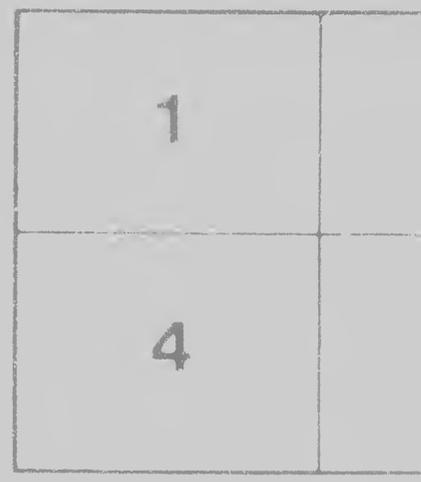
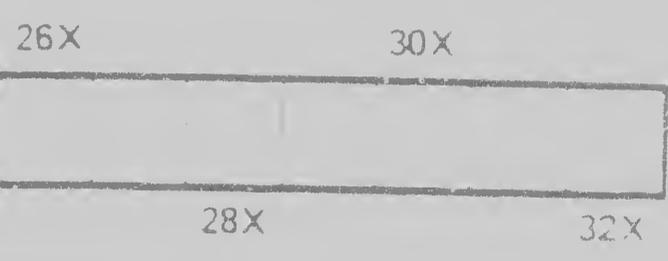
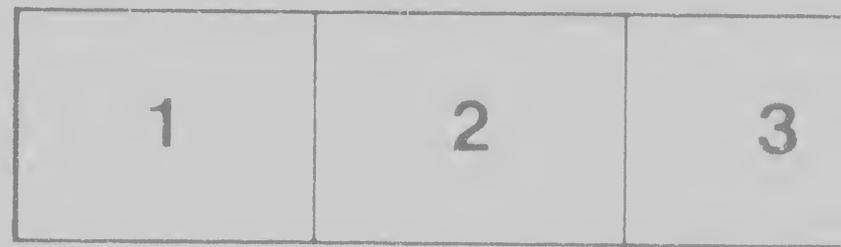
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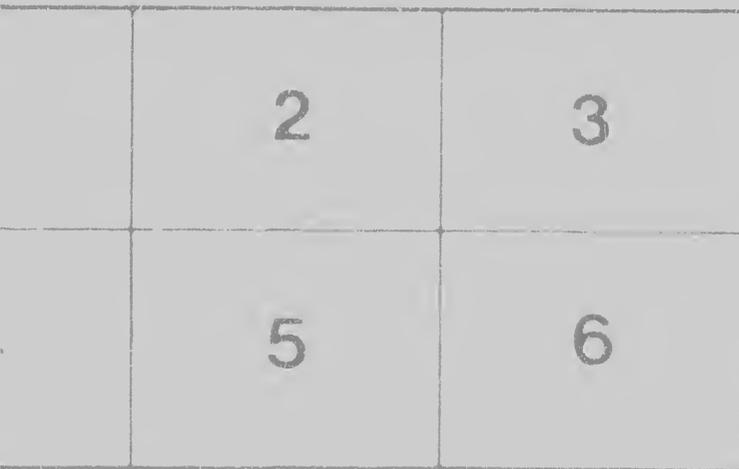
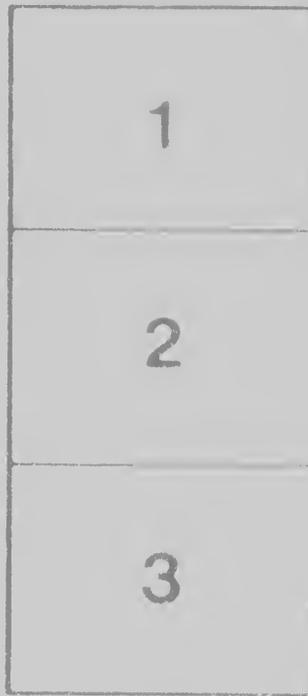
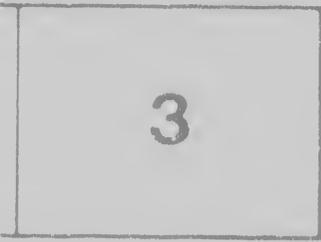
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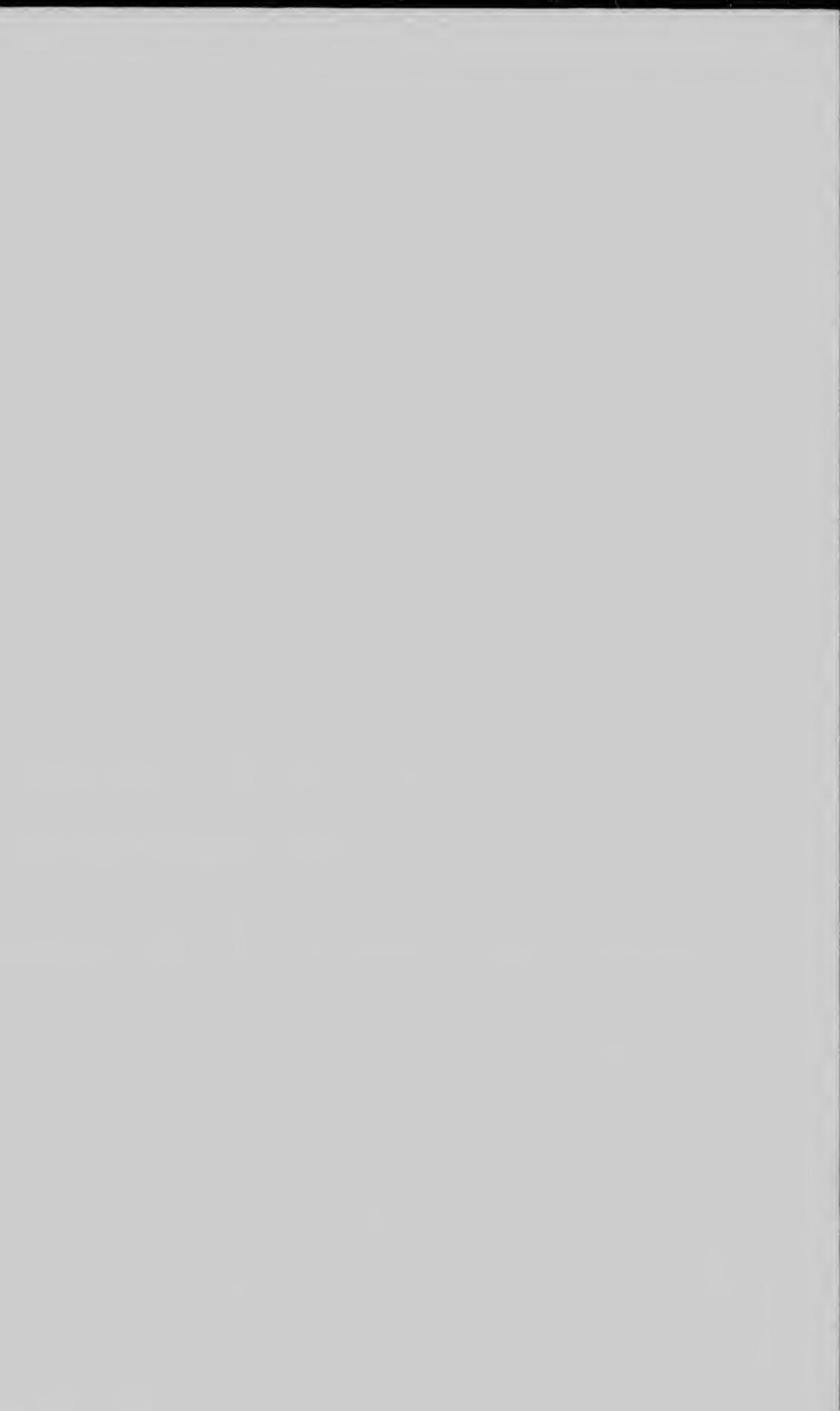
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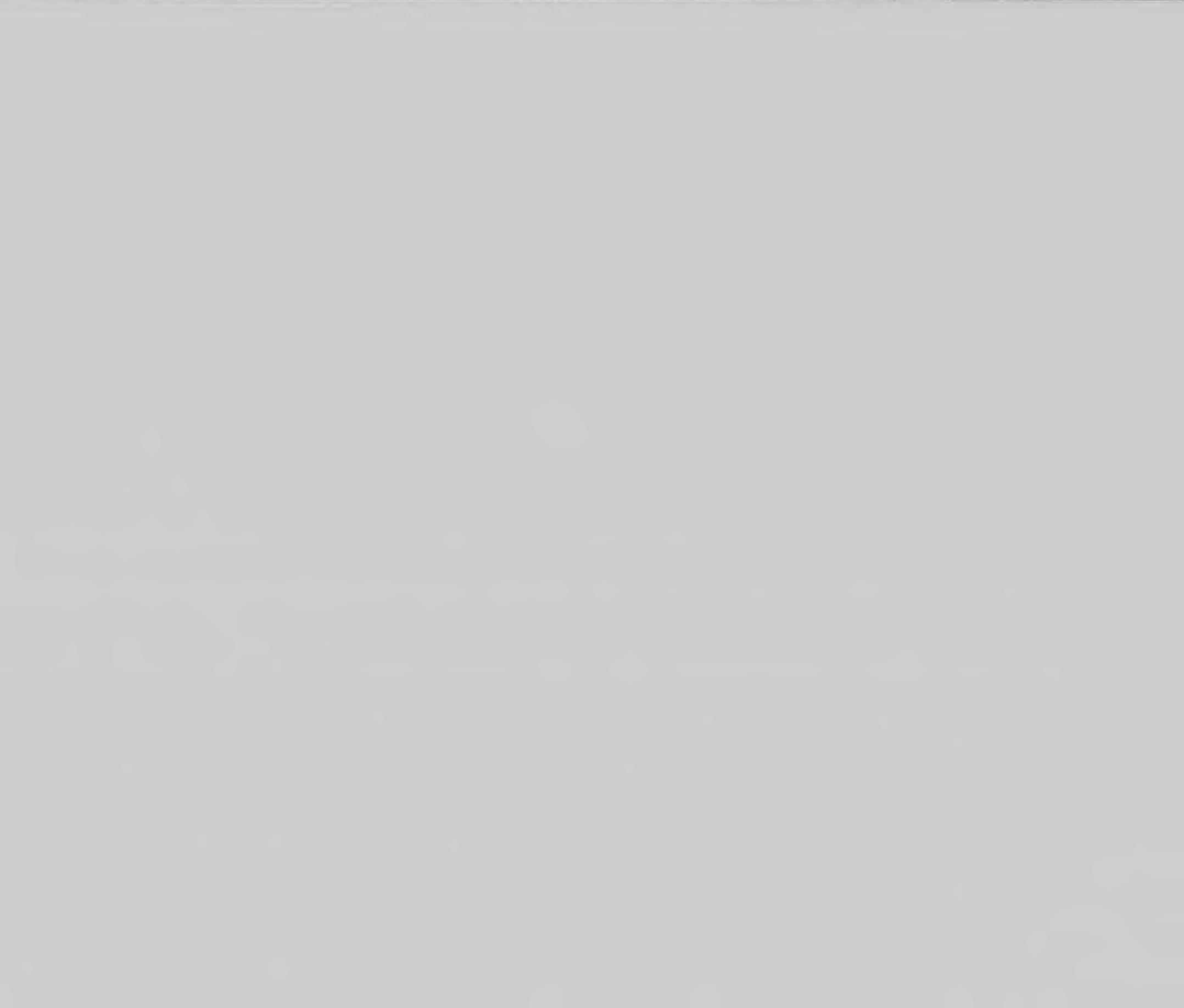
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or any of them upon the subjects of their public grievance  
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measures as they may deem expedient ; and also to take  
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authorized to borrow from time to  
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Act be at the next session of this Legis-  
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appointed as Delegates from this Com-  
mittee from the other states of New England,  
to represent the public grievances and concerns, and up-  
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Delegates also to take measures, if they shall  
think proper, Delegates from all the United States











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carried and distant enterprises; that the continual calls upon militia, to march from home, at all seasons, and to remain at a distance from their families, will be the most oppressive, and least economical defence which can be devised, in a protracted warfare.

The Committee think, that the people of this Commonwealth ought to be informed, that if they will unite, under any circumstances, at the hazard of all property, in opposing an invading foe, it is not believed, that this solemn obligation, upon their just complaints against the authors of the present state of affairs. It is, on the contrary, a sacred duty to hold up to view, the destructive policy, by which a state of unparalleled national weakness has been converted into one of humiliation and danger; believing, that a people so united will discard the measures which have produced this state of peril and suffering, the day of their political redemption is not far distant.

It should never be forgotten, that this disastrous condition of affairs has been forced upon Massachusetts, not merely against her consent, but in spite of her most earnest protestations. From the moment that she yielded to its own passions and calculations of party power, she incurred a system of commercial hostility to Great-Britain, and of conformity to the late tyrant of France, its tendency to involve the nation in a state of ruin and cruel embarrassments, was distinctly foreseen, and declared by the Legislature. The insufficiency of our youthful, though flourishing militia, in a struggle with that of Great-Britain in a struggle of restrictions, was an- ticipated and warned of those best versed in a knowledge of this subject. It is not to be doubted by these persons, that a war with Great-Britain, would be attended by an extinction of commerce; by the banishment of our shipping from the coast; the blockade and invasion of our sea ports; the loss of our national credit; the necessity of oppressive taxes; and the consumption of our resources, by an alliance with the late despot of Europe; from which calamities, we have been preserved only by his fall. Of all these dangers, we were forewarned by Massachusetts, whose vital interests were at stake; and they were implored by every consideration of policy to abstain from their hands from the cruel and wanton sacrifice of the innocent blood of their fellow-citizens. No request was asked from them, nothing but the privilege of pursuing their peaceful occupations. But the Government, deaf to this voice, and listening to the suggestions of its enemies, have, in their native state, only by their disloyalty to its interests and the sacrifice of its patronage, bestowed upon them as its price, have affected to consider the patriotic citizens of this great state as tainted with disaffection to the British Government, and have lavished the public treasure upon them, to fix, by evidence, this odious imputation. Thus dishon-

when their safety, will be promptly applied to the defects which were known to exist in the provision itself was not made. The parts of the instrument which preclude the right of amendment, and it is not a presumption, but a duty, to be attended by experience, to obviate the principal defects in the state of peace and order, and to give a duration to the constitution from a single session. It admits not of delay, it is a conference should be held, as the interests is closest, and the other causes, are most important, and views, some more than others, those states, and measures, to be devised; and also, it is expedient, to lay the matter inviting to a future conference. They therefore report

### *RESOLVED,*

That the territory of this Commonwealth, being exposed to the enemy, our sea coast, and our shipping, being exposed to immediate attack, it is the duty of self defence, to call upon the citizens to their country, to the state and expelling the enemy, no concessions can ever interfere with the safety of the state.

### *Resolved,*

That the President of the Commonwealth be authorized to raise a regiment for twelve months, consisting of ten thousand rank and file, for the defence of the state.

### *Resolved,*

That any volunteers, and that they should hold themselves in readi-

our safety, which is the supreme law, is in question, these means should promptly applied. The framers of the constitution, made provision to amend which were known to be incident to every human institution; and the project itself was not less liable to be found defective upon experiment, than other the instrument. When this deficiency becomes apparent, no reason can be the right of the whole people, who were parties to it, to adopt another; not a presumptuous expectation, that a spirit of equity and justice, enlightened by experience, would enable them to reconcile conflicting interests, and remove the principal causes of those dissensions, which unfit government for a peace and of war, and so to amend the constitution, as to give vigor and stability to the union of the states. But as a proposition for such a convention in a single state, would probably be unsuccessful, and our danger admitting of delay, it is recommended by the Committee, that in the first instance, a conference should be invited between those states, the affinity of whose interests is the closest, and whose habits of intercourse, from their local situation and circumstances, are most frequent; to the end, that by a comparison of their sentiments and views, some mode of defence, suited to the circumstances and exigencies of the times, and measures for accelerating the return of public prosperity, may be devised; and also to enable the delegates from those states, should they deem it expedient, to lay the foundation for a radical reform in the national compact, by proposing to a future convention, a deputation from all the states in the union.—Therefore report the following Resolves—which are submitted.

H. G. OTIS, *Per order.*

**RESOLVED,** That the calamities of war being now brought home to the bosom of this Commonwealth—a portion of it, being in the occupation of the enemy, our sea coast and rivers being invaded in several places, and in all parts in immediate danger, the people of Massachusetts are impelled by the sense of self defence, and by all the feelings and attachments which bind good citizens to their country, to unite in the most vigorous measures for defending the same, and expelling the invader; and no party feelings, or political dissensions, shall ever interfere with the discharge of this exalted duty.

**Resolved,** That provision be made by law for raising by voluntary enlistment, for twelve months or during the war, a number of troops not exceeding five thousand men and rank and file, to be organized and officered by the Governor, for the defence of the state.

**Resolved,** That the Governor be authorized to accept the services of volunteers, and to organize them as part of the aforesaid troops, who shall keep themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, to any part of the



think proper, for procuring a convention of Delegates from  
in order to revise the constitution thereof, and more effec-  
port and attachment of *all* the people, by placing *all* upon  
sentation.

*Resolved*, That a circular letter from this Legislat-  
sident of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Rep-  
ed to the executive government of each of said states, to be  
Legislatures, explaining the objects of the proposed conf-  
to concur in sending Delegates thereto.

*Resolved*, That on the eighteenth day of October  
will, by joint ballot, elect twelve persons to meet such Dele-  
ed by the said states, or either of them, at Hartford, in t-  
on the fifteenth day of December next.

In Sena

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence

JOHN PH

In the House of Representa

Read and concurred,

TIMOTHY B

October 15, 1814.

Approved,

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Secretary's Office,  
20<sup>th</sup> October, 1814. } A true Copy.

ATTEST.

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In Senate, October 12, 1814.

or concurrence.

JOHN PHILLIPS, *President*.

Representatives, Oct. 15, 1814.

MATTHEW BIGELOW, *Speaker*.

CALEB STRONG

*Matthew Bigelow*  
*Secy of Comm<sup>rs</sup>*









