a policy, which over two
years have been spent, in
arranging and preparing
matters for its adoption.
My principles will be of a
protective character, ever
urging the importance of
a suitable amount of enter-
prize, energy and industry
of the people, in order to
maintain successfully
an independence in the
cultivation and production
of such material, wrought
out by their own hands, as
will place them above the
want of such things as the
soil and their art are ca-
pable of developing. I claim,
that the independence of
your State, will be fully
supported without exertion
and labor, and as the posi-
tion it has this day adopted,
is that of a national instead
of, as formerly, a Colonial Gov-
ernment, it takes the compar-
ative place of an exhibit pa-
per, posted at some corner for
all men to read, and admire
or condemn. And should there
be any drawback on the grow-
ing success of your National
position, the failure there-
upon consequent will be at-
tributable to inactivity and
a want of that kind of go a-
head principle which is ne-
cessary to sustain and im-
prove upon a foundation deep
ly laid, under such favor-
able auspices, as the past and
present years give evidence
of, aided by the promise of
help which you may hope to
receive from abroad. Your
dignity as a nation, is not to
be supported by mere show-

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