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Nicholas voted to adopt the measure, despite the act's inherent weaknesses and his own misgivings, seeing the new law as being better than repealing the Embargo without providing any substitute; this letter laid out his thinking on the subject as a justification of his vote, so securing reelection to the Eleventh Congress from Virginia's 22nd District; yet, he resigned from Congress during the following session, frustrated with the state of affairs in that body.

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