soul, and mine. The army of revolutionary passions, we (the South) are groaning under
the most odious opprobrium, and smarting from long continued, and repeated oppriming.
Taxed for what we do not enjoy, our funds go in millions to strengthen the already too
strong arm of our most deadly enemy. Sir, it is evident we do not enjoy the position in
the Confederacy that we should, even that we once did. It is idle to look for the cause
of our present condition in circumstances of a more local nature, in the defects of our
banking system, in an unimproved state of internal improvements. These have
some influence, but the true cause comes from a higher source, is more extended and
consequently more deadly in its operations. And yet when we demonstrate we are brushed
at, and ridiculed as delinquents, aiming at the destruction of government. Can any one
suppose but that such treatment superadded to injuries already inflicted must sooner or
later drive the South into measures which she herself even in cooler moments would be