

States, have attended to the business of their appointment, and respectfully report:

That while they agree with their fellow citizens of Missouri, that the mode of electing the President and Vice President of the United States ought to be uniform, and that the states, respectively, ought to preserve their due weight in relation to said election, as is now guaranteed to them by the constitution; they are not aware of existing evils in the present mode of a choice by electors, so serious as to make an alteration in this respect expedient; nor are your committee aware how any existing evils on this point, would be remedied by the alteration proposed, inasmuch as direct voting by the people would add nothing to the certainty of an election, unless it is also intended that a plurality shall make a choice, and if so, such an alteration could be as well engrafed upon the old system as upon a new one.

Your committee are of opinion that a choice of President and Vice President by electors, taken immediately from the body of the people, is as unexceptionable as a direct choice would be by the people themselves.

The want of uniformity in the mode of choosing electors in different states, is admitted to be an evil, but your committee believe it to be one which is fast correcting itself. The adoption of the general ticket system, by several of the states, within a short period; its admitted advantage over the district system in uniting the power of a state, and the evident favor in which it is now held, warrant an opinion that all the states will ultimately adopt it.

Your committee cannot coincide in the opinion expressed in the resolutions under consideration, that the election of President and Vice President ought, in no case whatever, to be submitted to the decision of the House of Representatives of the United States. No substitute for an alteration of the constitution in this important point, is before your committee, and they are not prepared to assent to the proposition in the abstract. That the constitution is not susceptible of improvement in this respect, they do not mean to say, but they are unacquainted with any proposed substitute, which has not, in their opinion, more prominent evils than have yet arisen out of the provision alluded to.

With these views of the subject, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, That a uniform mode of choosing electors of