

In pursuance whereof the speaker appointed Messrs. Blocher, Ely, and Beam to compose said committee.

Mr. Causin submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,—1st. That in the opinion of this General Assembly, the best teacher, either for individuals or nations, is the voice of experience; that such measures of general policy as have been subjected to this test, and found to subserve the object of all proper governments, the general good of the governed, ought not to be departed from in order to the substitution of experiments, founded in a restless disposition for changes or more culpable motive.

2. That measures sanctioned by the wisdom of a Washington, a Hamilton, a Madison and others, of whom our nation are justly proud, and which have been approved by success of long experiments, ought not to be lightly discarded to advance the purposes of party or to relieve its leaders from the reproach of obstinate ignorance.

3. That the history of the last eight years of our national government tends to increase the reverence we entertain for the wisdom of the sages of the past, by contrast with the results of a departure from their line of policy by our modern political illuminati.

4. That in the opinion of this Legislature, if the conductors of the national bank had possessed more pliant subserviency of temper and less of a patriotic regard for the interests of the whole Union, if instead of subserving the object of its institution, it had degenerated into the auxiliary of Executive wishes, it would have found in the late administration its firmest supporters, and the voice of eulogy would have been substituted for the anathema of malediction. That we regard the prostration of this institution as a measure, commencing in party and personal pique—advanced and sustained by the persevering action of a vindictive and determined spirit, and ending in the catastrophe of a wide spread and general ruin.

5. That the discovery of the fallacy of an experiment which sage prophecy had heralded, as the result of the most profound political judgment, is not calculated to inspire us with confidence in the sagacity which prefers a renewal of such experiment to a return to measures sanctioned by patriotic wisdom and approved by the test of practical benefit.

6. That the suspension of specie payments by the banks has been the direct consequence of this action of the general government; among other modes of producing this result we class the following, in its war upon the commercial interests of this nation,—in the removal of a salutary restraint upon the inordinate issues of State institutions, in the withdrawal of specie from the Atlantic and commercial cities, to be hoarded in the coffers of western land agents, where it was calculated to subserve no other object than that of extensive and corrupt speculation.

7. "That the general government so far as its action and influence extends has" not "endeavoured to secure a sound currency to the people of the Union," but that its desire and purpose for the last eight