

REPORT.

The committee to which was referred the communication of the Executive, transmitting to this House a resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, "making application to the Congress of the United States, in conformity with the fifth article of the Federal Constitution, for the call of a convention of the people to amend the constitution aforesaid, in the particulars therein enumerated, and in such others as the people of the other States deem needful of amendment, beg leave to report:

That deeply impressed with the momentous importance of the subject referred to them, they have bestowed on it their most deliberate consideration. They are proud to avow the sincere and sacred reverence, which they, in common with a vast majority of their fellow citizens entertain for the federal constitution, the great charter of our national liberties, our independence and union. Framed as it was originally, by a convention of the people of the United States, and sanctioned afterwards by the people of the respective States in their highest sovereign capacity, we should, it would seem, await the existence of the most urgent and palpable necessity of amendment ere we proceed to provide for any important alteration in a system of government presented to us under such imposing circumstances. But when to these circumstances is added the recollection of the great, the good, the pure and gifted statesman by whom it was framed, the all embracing spirit of conciliation and patriotism in which it originated and by which it was perfected—the signal and glorious triumphs which under it have attended the eagle of our star-spangled banner on the land and on the deep—the high and wide spread national character which it has enabled us to attain—the unexampled rapidity of our march under its fortunate auspices to national glory, power, prosperity and happiness—the marked and all pervading influence which it has exerted in liberalizing the forms of government throughout the civilized world, by conferring on mankind a knowledge of their rights and a determination and courage to main-