

STATE OF MAINE.

The Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the Message of the Governor, communicating the report and resolutions of the Legislatures of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Virginia, on the incendiary proceedings of the Abolitionists in the non-slaveholding States, report, that they have given to the subject the consideration which it demands from its importance, as interrupting the harmony, and thereby endangering the union of these States.

The federal compact owed its origin to the spirit of deference, conciliation and mutual forbearance, which pervaded the then independent States; and was formed for the purpose briefly set forth in the preamble to the Constitution, to insure domestic tranquility and provide for the common defence.

To insure these two great and all important purposes, definite powers were conceded by the States, the Constitution of the United States was formed and the Federal Government created.

The powers then conceded are ample to effect the great objects of the Union; and though for defined purposes the several States form one great Nation, yet in other respects, they are to each other as sovereign and independent nations; each State having a constitution of its own, and yielding obedience only to the enactments of its own legislature.

Any interference therefore of a State, or the inhabitants of a State, with the domestic concerns of another State is dangerous, as having a direct tendency to create jealousies between the States, and thereby weakening the attach-