

another portion of its citizens, or others, who hold the evidences of its public debt.

President Washington, in his inaugural address, at the organization of the Government, adverted to the encouraging circumstances which led him to hope that "the pre-eminence of free government would be exemplified by all the attributes which can win the affections of its citizens and command the respect of the world." And he reminded his auditors that "the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people." Justice and good faith are indispensable to the success of this experiment.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying preamble and resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

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P R E A M B L E .

WHEREAS, The Governor of Maryland has laid before the Legislature, a communication from the Secretary of State of the United States, containing a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, as follows, viz :

Be it Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring,) that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid, as part of the Constitution, namely :

ARTICLE XIV.

Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction, the equal protection of the laws.