

And it is respectfully submitted whether a formal proposition, by Constitutional Amendment to repudiate the faith of the Government, pledged to a portion of its citizens, is calculated to inspire confidence and a sense of security, in another portion of its citizens, or others, who hold the evidence of its public debt.

Report of the
Committee.

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 that 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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PREAMBLE.

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.

Preamble.

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