

The board of public works, created at the last session, being charged with the superintendence and management of all improvements to be executed or patronised by the state, and generally, with all the interests and concerns of this great subject, and with the *special* duty of reporting fully to you, during the *second week* of your session, all their proceedings,—We will not encroach upon their province, by entering into any detail upon this interesting topic, but conclude this brief and general view of it, with an assurance that we are duly impressed with its transcendent importance, and that we shall at all times take great pleasure in co-operating with you in the promotion of all proper objects of improvement, and in carrying into effect, so far as may depend on us, every work that you may authorise and provide for.

The subject of the resolution No. 12, engaged a large share of the attention of both houses of Congress, during their last session, and was so far acted upon as to develop such a variety of views and feelings in relation to it, as to render the adoption of any alteration of the existing provisions of the national constitution, in relation to the election of President and Vice-President of the United States, highly problematical.

We consider it very desirable that a uniform system of voting for those high officers should be adopted; and we believe the district system preferable to all others: whether the elections