

REPORT :

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Executive of Vermont, enclosing the following resolutions of the State of New York, and the concurrence therein of the State of Vermont, to wit :

State of New York :

“Resolved, as the sense of this Legislature, That the franking privilege, tolerated by the post office law of the United States, is a monopoly, unsuited to the spirit of the age, subject to enormous abuses, and an unreasonable burden to the few letter correspondents that bear the principal expense of the establishment, and ought to be abolished.

“Resolved, That for the purpose of diminishing the burden of correspondents, increasing the revenues of the post office establishment, and restoring the community, rich and poor, to an equal participation in its benefits, letter postage ought to be greatly reduced, and the disparity between the charge of letters and other matters carried in the mail, corrected.

“Resolved, That our Representatives and Senators in Congress, be respectfully requested to use their best endeavors to procure a reform in the post office laws, based on the above views.

“Resolved, That the Executive of this State be respectfully requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolutions to the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, and also to the Executives of our sister States, with a view to their being laid before their respective legislative bodies.”

Upon which it was

“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Vermont, That they do concur in the said resolutions above recited, and that our senators and representatives in Congress be respectfully requested to use their best endeavors to procure a reform in the Post Office, in conformity with the above views.

“Resolved, That the Executive of this State be respectfully requested to transmit copies of the foregoing report and resolutions to the senators and representatives of this State in Congress, and also to the Executives of our sister States, with the view to being laid before their respective legislative bodies,” have had the same under consideration, and report the following resolutions :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That they do concur in the sentiments of the second resolution of the series of the resolutions by the Legislature of New York.

Resolved, That the abuses of the franking privilege are grievous and ought to be redressed, and with this view, such restrictions should be thrown around its exercise as the best exertion of the wisdom of Congress can devise.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be respectfully requested to exert themselves, to effect the passage