

ciple does not appear to have been adopted in the formation of the Constitution; and if it had been, the State sovereignties would have been merged in a grand consolidated government, which, it will be acknowledged on all hands, could not have subsisted to this time. The convention found great difficulty in the adjustment of the second article of the Constitution relating to the executive; but so happy were they, finally, in the arrangement of its checks and balances, that no article met less opposition in the State Conventions. It provides for a fair expression of the will of the people, and yet protects the independence of the smaller States from the overwhelming influence and power of the larger ones. The evils should be apparent, and the reason plain and unanswerable, to justify an alteration of this part of the Constitution, in the manner proposed. Your Committee have been unable to find any such reasons, and in their opinion a concurrence in the proposed amendments would hazard the relative influence of the smaller States. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the accompanying Resolutions. All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed per order.

WILLIAM W. BOARDMAN, Chairman.

*At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at New-Haven, in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.*

RESOLVED, That this General Assembly do not concur with the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, in the proposal to amend the Constitution of the United States, so as to provide a uniform mode of electing the President and Vice President of the United States, without the intervention of Electors; and that the election of President and Vice-President should, in no case whatever, be submitted to the decision of the House of Representatives of the United States.

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to forward copies of the foregoing Report and Resolutions, to the Executives of the several States, with a request that they be laid before their respective Legislatures.

*A true copy of record, examined and certified by*

THOMAS DAY, Secretary.