

state of Connecticut, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it is expedient at this time, to amend the constitution of the United States, in relation to the term of service of the President and Vice President of the United States, so as to elect the President for a term of six years, and to render him forever ineligible after the expiration of the term of service.

*Resolved.* That the general government does possess the power to appropriate money in aid of the colonization of the free negroes and mulattoes residing within the United States, and territories thereof. And, that in the opinion of this general assembly, it is expedient to make an appropriation for that purpose.

*Resolved,* That his excellency the Governor, be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of the senators and representatives of this state, in the congress of the United States, and that they severally be requested to use their exertions to procure such an appropriation of money, in aid of the colonization of the free people of colour, residing within the United States, as may seem to be adequate for that purpose. And also, that his Excellency be requested to forward a like copy to the executive of each of the states, with a request that the same may be laid before their respective legislatures.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The select committee, to which was referred so much of the executive communication, as refers to certain proceedings and resolutions of the general assembly of the state of Delaware, relative to the public lands of the United States, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

The citizens of Maryland, with great solicitude, have witnessed the strenuous and persevering efforts which have been made in the national legislature to deprive the original members of the union, and particularly the Atlantic states, of their just and equitable proportion of the public lands.— And, claiming as they do a community of interest in those domains, and that claim having not only been asserted, but conceded to them at the formation of the federal compact, they have always regarded the avails of that substantial capital, after the payment of the public debt, as a most appropriate resource for the extending the benefits of education throughout the union, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: