

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NO. 26.

SENATE.

R E P O R T

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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

UPON RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO

ONE PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

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REPORT.

The Joint Special Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions of the General Assemblies of the States of Vermont, Indiana, Delaware, and Kentucky, in favor of restricting the eligibility of the President of the United States to a single term, transmitted to and communicated by the Governor, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That, without undertaking to go into an examination of the principles which relate to this point, or dwelling on the instructions of experience concerning it, they are satisfied, that there is a strongly prevailing opinion in favor of the proposition among the people of the United States.

The Committee might refer to the recommendation of a former President of the United States, still living, in favor of the principle; and they might further, with still more force, recal the recorded declaration, and determination, of our late patriotic President, now consecrated by his lamented death.

But they deem it a duty to abstain, at this moment, from any remarks that might tend to awaken any political association, or discussion; and they content themselves with joining to recommend the following Resolutions, to be adopted by the Legislature.

By order of the Committee, unanimously,

C. S. DAVEIS.

STATE OF MAINE.

JOINT RESOLUTION for amending the Constitution of the United States relative to the Election of President.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Legislature the Constitution of the United States should be so amended as to restrict the eligibility of the President to one term ; and that an amendment to that effect should be presented by Congress to the several States, for their consideration.

RESOLVED, further, That the Governor be requested to cause a copy of this Resolution to be communicated to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, in order that the same may be presented for adoption ; and that copies be likewise transmitted to the Executives of the several States, to be laid before their respective Legislatures.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 13, 1841.

Laid on the table, and 300 copies ordered to be printed
for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST: DANIEL SANBORN, *Secretary.*