

tion, and ask leave to report: That in the opinion of your committee, frequent changes in the fundamental law of any community, are unwise and injurious, and should not be attempted for slight or trivial causes: But when we are called upon to give our assent to a proposition to change the Federal Constitution—one conceived in the most profound political wisdom; one that has secured to these United States, both civil and religious liberty in their fullest enjoyment; that has given to us a succession of Presidents, equally illustrious for their talents, and their patriotism, under whose guidance and protection, we have become a great, powerful, and happy nation: A sense of duty, to ourselves and our posterity, forbid the hazard of all those blessings on an untried experiment: But should a constitutional majority of the states composing this union, or of congress, deem it advisable so to amend the constitution of the United States, as to prevent the election of President, in any event, from devolving on the house of representatives; your committee recommend, that it be made on the basis of political justice, the voice of the free white male citizens of the United States: Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the state of Ohio,* That in that event, our senators in congress, be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their endeavours to procure such an amendment of the constitution of the United States, as will authorise all free white male citizens of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, to vote directly for President of the United States; and at the same time, to vote for as many electors, as the state may be entitled to have senators and representatives in congress; which electors shall, in case no candidate shall have a majority, of all the votes given by the free white male citizens of the United States, of the age of twenty one years, proceed forthwith, to elect a President, from the two persons having the highest number of votes.

*Resolved,* That his excellency the governor, be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, to the president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives of the United States, and a copy to each of our senators and representatives in congress; and also, a copy to each of the governors of the several states.

EDWARD KING,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A. SHEPHERD,

Speaker of the Senate,

Jan. 30, 1827.