danger thereof, congress may issue bills of credit, and borrow money on the credit of Liberia.

The supreme executive power is to be vested in the governor of the American Colonization Society's settlement of Monrovia, whose title shall be 'President of Liberia and Governor of Monrovia,' and in a council, to consist of the other colonial governors, or a majority of them.

All officers in the recess of Congress, to be filled on the nomination of the president, with the advice and consent of the council, if present, if absent, by the president alone, who shall be commander-in-chief of the land and naval forces of Liberia, and shall receive his appointment from the American Colonization Society.

The judicial power is to be vested in a supreme court, consisting of the president of Liberia and the governors of the several colonies, with powers similar to those of the supreme court of the United States.

These are the principal features of the Constitution; which is accompanied by four resolutions: 1. Prohibiting auxiliaries from acquiring territory on the coast of Africa, between the Gallenas and Kroo Sottra, with-

out the consent of the American Colonization Society, except within the colony already planted. 2. Recommending the acquisition of the territory between Cape Palmas and Sierra Leone by the American Colonization Society forthwith. 3. Suggesting the preparation of a code of laws by a joint committee from the societies now having colonies on the coast of Africa, to be approved by the American Colonization Society. 4. And providing that each state and auxiliary society shall make quarterly reports of receipts and disbursements to the American Colonization Society, and pay to it ten per cent. of the sums they may respectfully collect. A resolution, prefixed to the constitution, requires it to be laid before the auxiliary societies of Pennsylvania and New York, and the State Society of Maryland, - and provides, that, when 'the constitution' shall be approved by them, and adopted by a majority of the inhabitants of the several settlements in Africa, it shall be considered as conclusively ratified.

While the committee fully award to the distinguished individual, who is the author of 'the constitution', the credit to which it certainly entitles him, they cannot but apprehend that

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