with foreign commercial houses would spring up, and would have the effect of giving stability and influence to our commer= =cial position, and of enlarging the funds of our government. Having given a few preliminary remarks, I now purpose entering more particularly on the subject of the independent government in contemplation.

In organizing ourselves into an independent State, there are several things to be considered. The form this govern= =ment is to take, is one; the consistency and effect we can give it, is another, and a plan regulating the ways by which means can be raised for its support, is another.

In view of the union which is to be effected between this and the government of Liberia, I am strongly impressed in favor of organizing ours on the plan of some of the States in America - especially so far as the executive or chief officer is concerned. I have no example for this in any foreign government not confederated; but believing as I do that the period is not far distant when these several peoples on this Western Coast, planted by different societies in Americ= =ca, and having for their objects the same end, will con= =clude an union between themselves for the giving of power and strength to the government of the oppressed sons of the colored race, driven out from the place of their nativity, and com= =pelled to seek shelter on these shores. But, Gentlemen, I wish you to understand that what I am offering is only

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