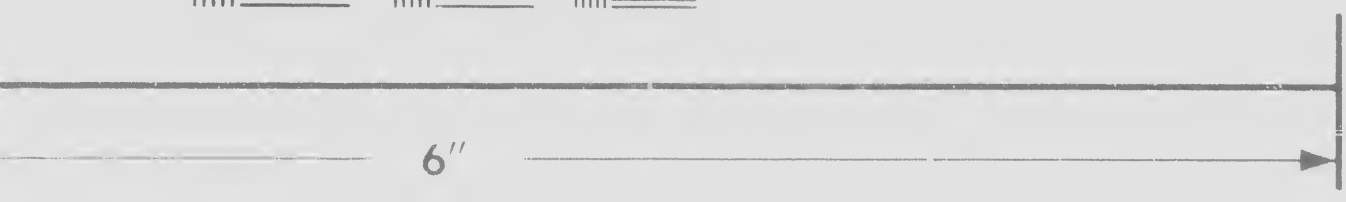
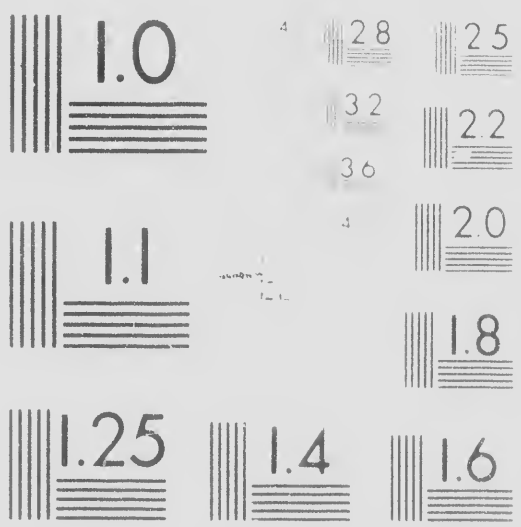




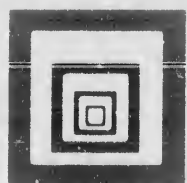
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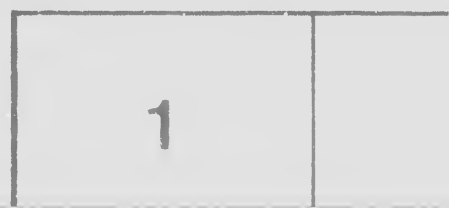
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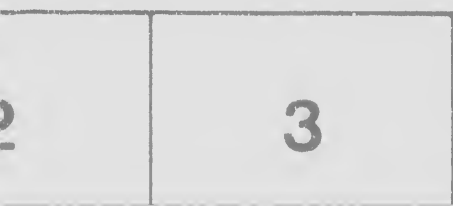
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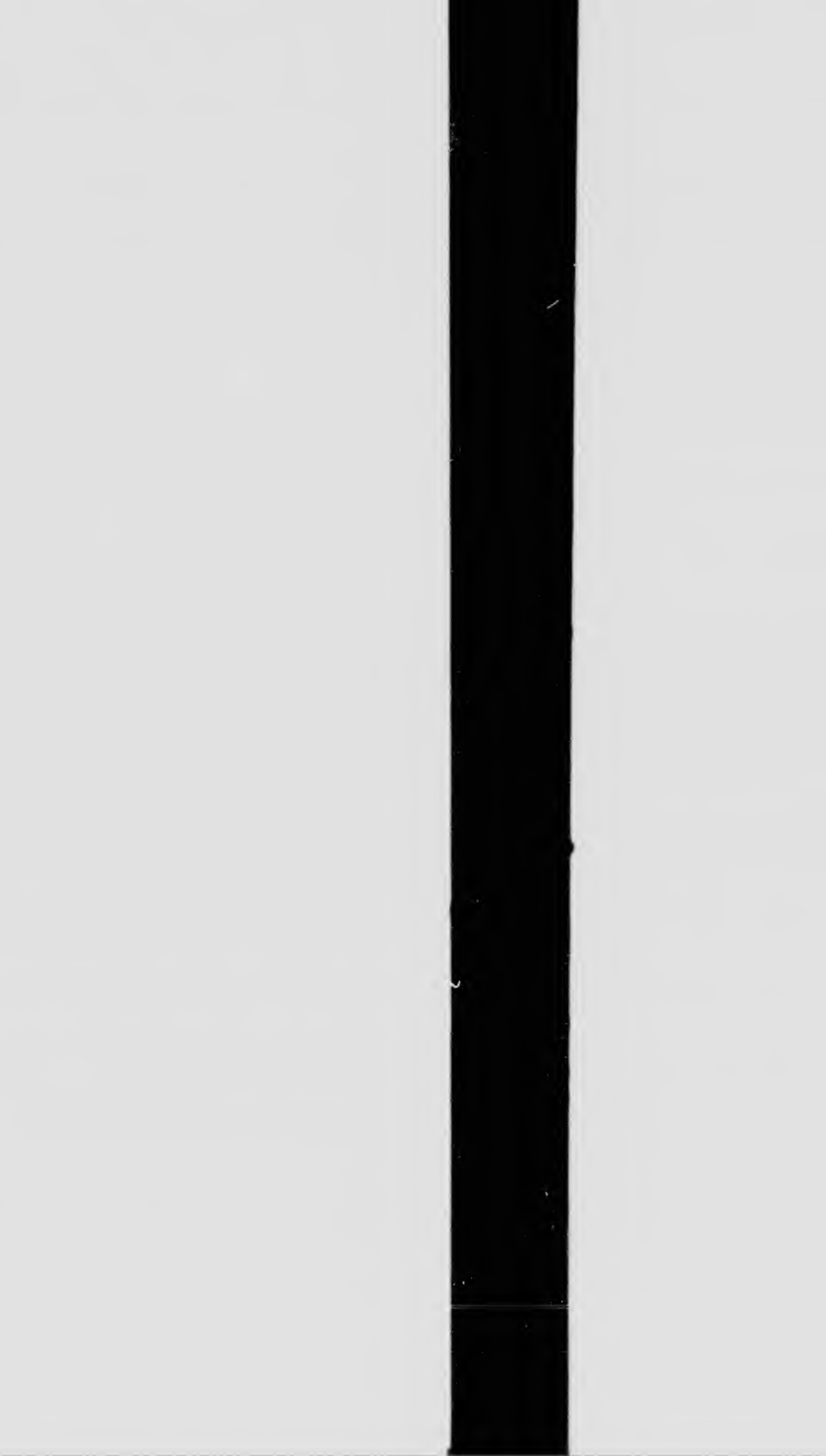
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**TERRITORY**, to the United States, so far

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That on the 10th of October, 1780,  
should be formed into states, and admitted  
as the thirteen original states.

That previous to the said recommendation,  
it, Virginia and Massachusetts have made

That by such cessions, all the territory  
twenty miles westward of the most western  
the western boundary of the state of Pennsylvania  
the lakes, is subject to division, and on  
the principles aforesaid:

That further cessions of jurisdiction will  
of territory thus circumstanced, and proposed  
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confederacy, should, in the opinion of the  
admitted. It is therefore necessary to enquire  
be obtained by such cessions.

Heretofore they appear to have been two  
their power and resources, by lessening the  
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the limits which these cessions have given  
equality with the other members of the union  
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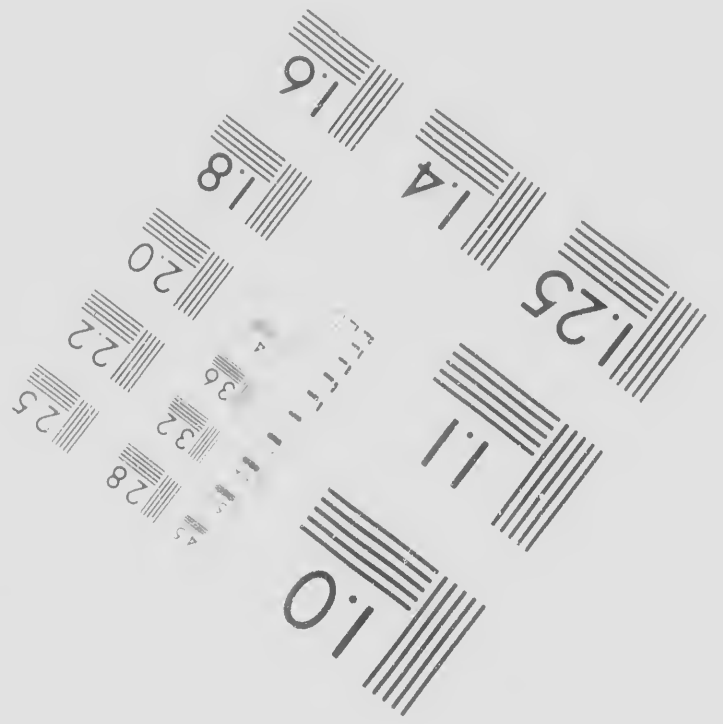
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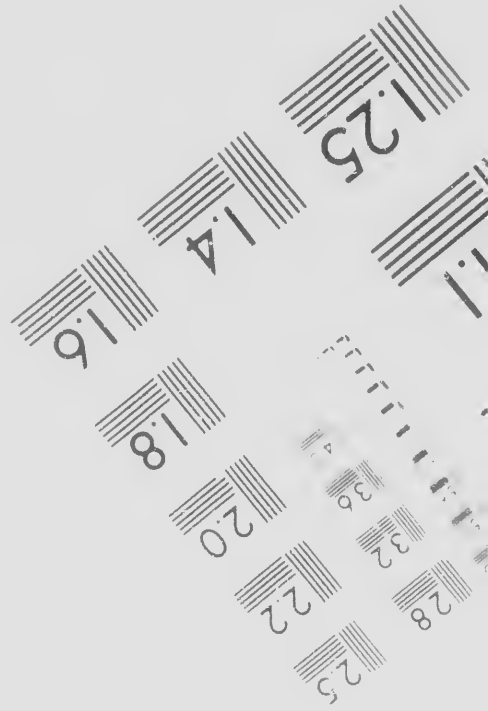
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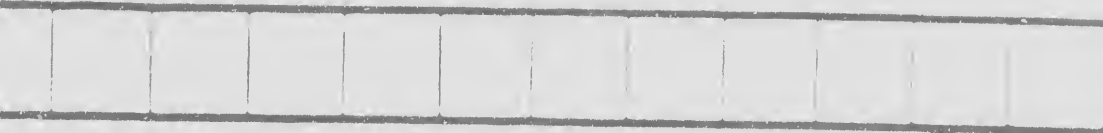
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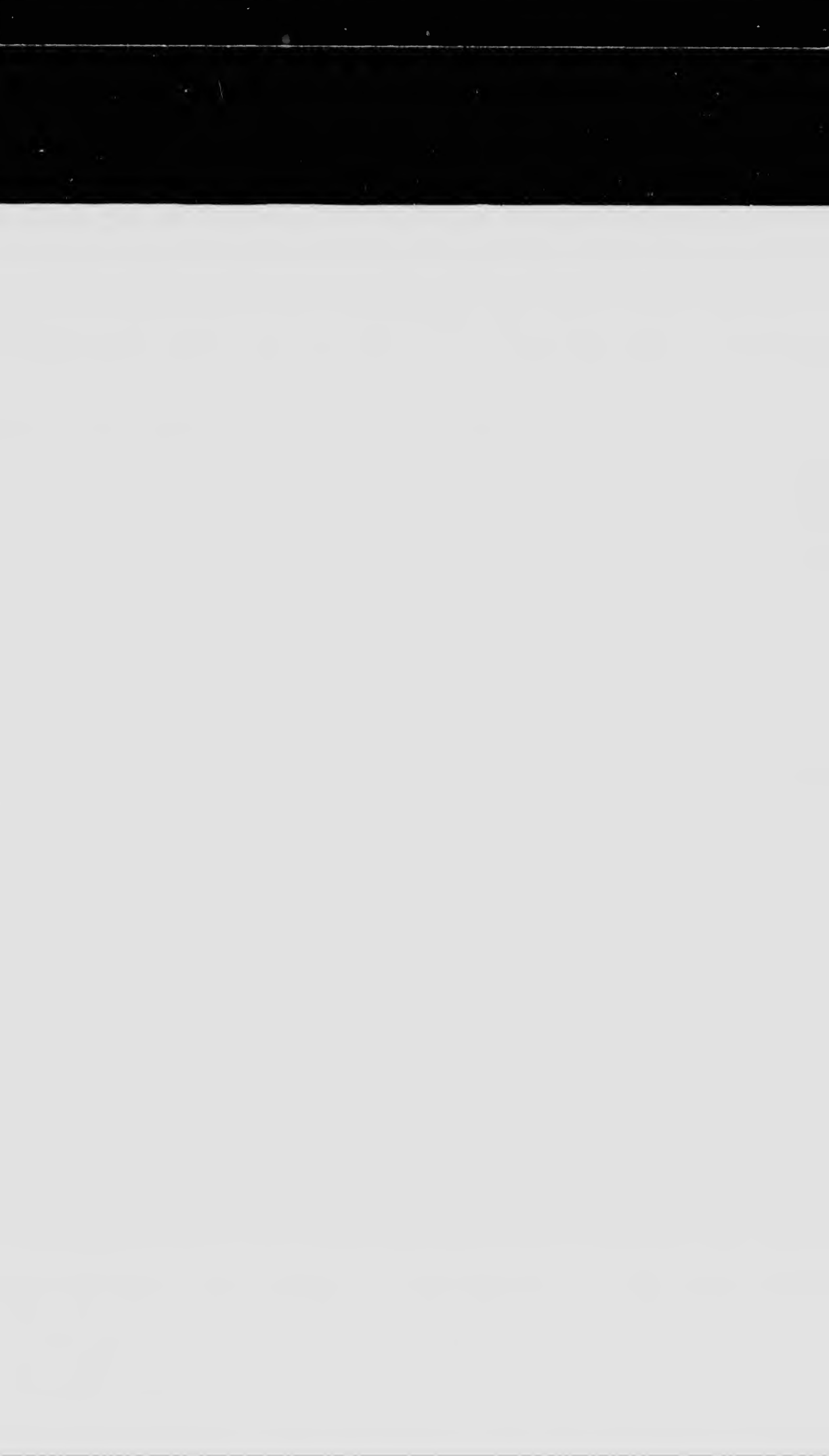
ply to the settlers on the territory ceded to the states to which it belonged, cannot, be assumed, under the government of one of the states, rights in the confederacy, are already established as high, as it would under a new state. That further cessions of jurisdiction, even if they were to be made, are unnecessary, and will not be influenced by the United States, are unnecessary.

Other considerations occur which strengthen the objections to the cession of jurisdiction. The committee are of opinion that unanimity in council depends on a firm basis; they hold it also equally true in a council, that a division creates division in council. It should be the duty of the United States to make, so far as it depends on them, a firm basis of bounds, as shall create and preserve this firm basis. The security of interests in states, depends on a firm basis of resources, their commercial and political interests. We consider it as unnecessary to examine these questions, as all the territory within the government is now under the view of those parts which bound upon the western waters, separate from the states, traverse from south to north these states,

westward of the Ohio, in their distance from those eastward of it; and the soil, it is pre- the old states, whose laws, constitution and blished and known, will be as valuable, and e. The committee are therefore of opinion, upon the principles which have heretofore sary.

gly urge the propriety of preventing further hold this proposition to be invariably true, similarity of interells in the states which com- the reverse, that a contrariety of interets, before form a principal object with the United m, such division of the territory within their nilarity of interest in every state. A simila- larity in their circumstances, in their respec- cal relation to other powers. The committee principles of relation in their application to of the United States; but from an attentive atlantic ocean, and those which bound and ted by a ~~mountain~~ ridge of mountains, which they are led to believe, from pursuing them





in their different directions, that in some respects a different accommodation will be necessary to promote those interests to each. If therefore the United States should admit a separation to commit that lying on each side to a separate line of councils, would create such a diversity of interests as would excite rival councils, and impede and obstruct all their operations.

If then the separation above suggested, will create the necessity necessarily follows, that the preservation of the states in the union will prevent it ; and this in the opinion of the committee is a great concern which many of the old states now have in the extent of territory within their respective jurisdictions dependent in common with those which shall be erected beyond the limits that similarity in their circumstances, necessary to bind the states together by the same tie of one common interest, therefore consider it as a fortunate circumstance that should and should in no event suffer them to be contracted or

In addition to this it is to be observed, that in proportion as the states cede territory to the new states, the contributions that such cessions take from the old states, will their contributions be diminished ; and that the new states, until they are of strength, instead of being able to contribute to its support, will require the assistance of the federal government. Why the United States should contravene the principles upon which they confederated, t

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Upon a thorough consideration therefore of the motion the committee submit the following resolution.

*Resolved,* That the resolutions of the 6th September, recommending it to the states holding vacant and unappropriated lands to make liberal surrenders thereof to the United States, for their consideration in respect the jurisdiction of the same, be repealed ; and that the states thus circumstanced, to make liberal surrenders as if they retained to themselves the right of jurisdiction.

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