

Wednesday, March 14.

In the SENATE, the bill providing for the Apportionment of Representatives under the fifth census was read a third time, and the question stated on its passage,

Mr. WEBSTER rose and moved to recommit the bill to a select committee, with instructions to substitute for the existing provisions of the bill an amendment varying somewhat from the plan which he had formerly submitted.

This motion gave rise to a protracted debate, in which the principle of the amendment, and, incidentally, the merits of the existing bill, were discussed, and various suggestions were made, in the course of which a motion to reconsider the vote on Mr. WEBSTER'S former amendment was made. — Messrs. WEBSTER, MANGUM, FOOTE, FRELINGHUYSEN, CHAMBERS, FOOT, HAYNE, CLAY, HOLMES, MOORE, MILLER, CLAYTON, BELL, HENDRICKS, KING, EWING, and KANE, took part. Finally, without coming to any decision, the Senate adjourned.

In the House, the following resolution, submitted by Mr. LANSING, was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That the secretary of war be requested to communicate to this house the survey and report for the improvement of the Hudson river.

BANK OF THE UNITED STATES.

The amendment of Mr. CLAYTON, proposing an inquiry into the affairs of the Bank of the U. S. came up once more for consideration.

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As soon as he had concluded, Mr. HERRARD of New-Hampshire called for the previous question, but moved as a preliminary, that there be a call of the house.

Mr. McDARRIS remonstrated against the call for the previous question, especially as the question had been argued mainly on one side only.

The call of the house now proceeded, and 196 members answering to their names.

Mr. BOON moved that further proceedings on the call be suspended.

On which motion a desultory debate arose, in which the propriety of now moving for the previous question was incidentally discussed.

The proceedings in the call were at length suspended, the doors opened, and of the eight members absent, five appeared, two were confined to their beds, and one remained absent.

Mr. HERRARD now renewed his motion for the previous question, and the question being whether the house would second the call.

Mr. SYMNERLAND demanded Tellers; whereupon Messrs. HERRARD and YOUNG were appointed to count the yeas, and Messrs. KANE and ALLEN to count the noes. The result was—yeas 80, noes 100.

The house refused to second the call for the previous question.

Mr. Davis of New-York then obtained the floor, and addressed the house at considerable length, chiefly in reply to the speeches of some of his colleagues.

Mr. Davis's remarks expired, and in the course of his speech, made allusion to the remarks which had been made by Mr. Daniel Webster.

Mr. Webster next addressed the house in reply to Mr. Davis, and was followed by

Mr. Douglas, who also replied to the remarks of Mr. Webster.

Mr. Webster's now moved an adjournment, but the motion was negatived.

Mr. Calhoun now moved with warmth at the remarks of Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis now moved an adjournment.

Mr. Calhoun demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken, and stood—yeas 18, nays 123.

Mr. Webster's amendment was not read, and he withdrew, there having been ordered thereon.

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Mr. DANIEL next addressed the house to Mr. Beardsley, and was followed by Mr. JENIFER, who also replied to the remarks of Mr. Beardsley.

Mr. SPEIGHT now moved an adjournment; but the motion was negatived.

Mr. CAMBRELENG replied with warmth to the remarks of Mr. Root.

Mr. IRVIN now moved an adjournment.

Mr. EVERETT demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken, and stood—yeas 61, nays 129.

Mr. WAYNE'S amendment was now read, and the yeas and nays having been ordered thereon,

Mr. CLAY moved a call of the house, but the motion was negatived.

The question was then taken on Mr. Wayne's amendment, and decided by yeas and nays—yeas 26, nays 164.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. ADAMS now offered the following amendment, viz:

To strike out after the word "appointed," the remainder of the resolution, and to insert, "to inspect the books, and to examine the proceedings of the bank of the United States—to report thereon, and to report whether the provisions of its charter have been violated or not; that the said committee have leave to meet in the city of Philadelphia, and shall make their final report thereon, on or before the twenty-first day of April next; that they have power to send for persons and papers, and to employ the requisite clerks, the expenses of which shall be audited and allowed by the committee of accounts, and paid out of the contingent fund of this house."

Mr. BOON moved an adjournment, which was negatived.

Mr. CAMBRELENG suggested that the time limited by Mr. Adam's amendment was too short. Whereupon, on suggestion of Mr. McDuffie,

Mr. ADAMS modified the amendment, by extending the time allowed for the committee to report, to the 21st of April.

Mr. ELAYTON briefly opposed the amendment; when

Mr. BEARDSLEY offered the following as an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Adams, viz: to insert after the words "books of the bank" the following:

"And the officers thereof, including the officers of the branches in conducting the affairs thereof; and of said officers, as such,"

Mr. WILLIAMS inquired whether it was intended by the gentleman, that the committee should go to New Orleans.

Mr. BEARDSLEY replied, and explained that he meant the committee to go wherever it might be necessary, fully to examine the affairs of the bank and all its branches.

Mr. McDERRIN offered some remarks in reply to the objections of Mr. Cambreleng, as to the shortness of the time allowed by the amendment, to the committee to report; and referred to the purpose of delay which had been openly avowed by the opponents of the bank.

Mr. HOGAN, after a few preliminary remarks, offered an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Adams, namely, to strike out the clause limiting the time, and to insert,

"That the com. prosecute the investigation with all diligence, and report to this house so soon as may be consistent with the discharge of the duty assigned them."

The CHAIR pronounced this amendment not in order, until Mr. Beardsley's should have been disposed of.

Mr. MERRICK made a remark in favor of limiting the time.

of Mr. Hogan, and decided by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adair, Alexander, R. Allen, Anderson, *Angel*, J. Bates, *Beardsley*, Bell, *Bergen*, Bethune, James Blair, John Blair, Boon, *Bouck*, Bouldin, *J. C. Brodhead*, *Cambreling*, Carr, Carson, Chandler, Chinn, Claiborne, Clay, Clayton, Coke, Connor, Davenport, *Dayan*, *Doubleday*, Felder, Fitzgerald, Ford, Foster, Gaither, Gordon, Griffin, T. H. Hall, Wm. Hall, Harper, Hawes, Hawkins, *Hoffman*, *Hogan*, Holland, Horn, Hubbard, Jarvis, *Jewett*, R. M. Johnson, C. Johnson, C. C. Johnston, Kavanagh, Kennon, A. King, *J. King*, Lamar, *Lansing*, Leavitt, Lecompte, *Lent*, Lewis, Lyon, Mann, Mardis, Mason, McCarty, Wm. McCoy, McIntire, McKay, T. R. Mitchell, Newman, Nuckolls, Patton, *Piersons*, Plummer, Polk, *E. C. Reed*, Rencher, Roane, *Soule*, Speight, Standifer, Stephens, F. Thomas, W. Thompson, John Thomson, *Verplank*, *Ward*, *Wardwell*, Wayne, Weeks, *Wheeler*, *C. P. White*, Worthington—94.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, C. Allan, Allison, Appleton, Armstrong, Arnold, Ashley, Babcock, Banks, N. Barber, J. S. Barbour, Barnwell, *Barstow*, I. C. Bates, Branch, Briggs, Bullard, Burd, Cahoon, Choate, *Collier*, L. Condict, S. Condit, E. Cooke, *B. Cooke*, Cooper, Corwin, Coulter, Craig, Crane, Crawford, Creighton, Daniel, J. Davis, Dearborn, Denny, Dewart, *Dickson*, Doddridge, Drayton, Duncan, G. Evans, J. Evans, E. Everett, H. Everett, Gilmore, Grennell, Heister, Hodges, Howard,

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ett, Gilmore, Grennell, Heister, Hodges, Howard,
Hughes, Hunt, Huntington, Ihrie, Irvin, Isaacks,
Jenifer, Kendall, H. King, Letcher, Marshall, Max-
well, R. McCoy, DeDuffie, McKannan, Mercer, Milli-
gan, Muhlenbergh, Newton, Pearce, *Pendleton*,
Pitcher, Potts, J. Reed, *Root*, Russel, W. B. Shepard,
Aug. H. Shepperd, Slade, Smith, Southard, Spence,
Stanbery, Stewart, Storrs, Sutherland, *Taylor*, P.
Thomas, Tompkins, *Tracy*, Vance, Vinton, Wash-
ington, Watmough, *Wilkin*, E. Whittlesey, *F.*
Whittlesey, Ewd. D. White, Wickliffe, Wilde,
Williams, Young—102.

Mr. HOWARD now moved to amend the amendment of Mr. ADAMS, by striking out the words "and to report whether the provisions of the charter have been violated or not."

The amendment was rejected without a count.

The question was now taken on Mr. ADAMS' amendment, as modified, and was carried, yeas 106, nays 92.

Mr. EVERETT now moved to strike out, after the word "committee," the word "appointed," and to insert the words "of nine to be chosen by ballot."

Mr. WARD moved an adjournment, but withdrew the motion at the request of

Mr. THOMPSON, of Georgia, who moved a call of the House; but the motion was negatived—yeas 90, nays 107.

Mr. BATES, of Maine, moved an adjournment.

On that question, Mr. ARNOLD demanded the yeas and nays, which being taken stood yeas 79, nays 128.

Mr. McDERMOTT now appealed to Mr. EVERETT to withdraw his amendment, which that gentleman, at the request of his friends, consented to do; whereupon

The question was at length taken on the resolution of Mr. CLAYTON, as amended, which, being carried in the affirmative without a count, and the committee of investigation ordered, to consist of seven.

The House adjourned at eight o'clock.