

## **Vote on the Deposit question.**

The House proceeded to consider the motion of Mr. POLK, of Tennessee, to commit the report of the Secretary, on the removal of the public deposits from the Bank of the United States, to the Committee of Ways and Means, together with the following instructions, moved by Mr. McDUFFIE, of South Carolina :

"To report a joint resolution providing that the public revenue hereafter collected, be deposited in the Bank of the United States, in conformity with the public faith pledged in the charter of said Bank."

And the following instructions, moved by Mr. Jones of Georgia :

"To inquire into the expediency of depositing the revenue, hereafter collected, in all the State Banks in the different States where the same is collected, in proportion to their respective capital paid in, and to prescribe the terms on which the same shall be deposited; and to report by bill or otherwise."

Mr. MUHLENBERG, of Pennsylvania, after some preliminary remarks on the length of time consumed in the debate, on the subject of the deposits, on a question in its nature merely preliminary, moved the PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Mr. WILDE made an earnest appeal to Mr. MUHLENBERG to withdraw his motion, but he refused.

Mr. BURGESS made an appeal to the same effect, but Mr. M. still refused.

Mr. McDUFFIE requested the CHAIR to state what would be the effect of the Previous Question, and what the Main Question would be.

The CHAIR stated, in reply, that the Previous Question, if seconded by the House, would cut off the instructions moved by the gentleman himself, (Mr. McDUFFIE,) with the amendment there-

to proposed by the gentleman from Georgia, (Mr. JONES,) and **the Main Question would be on a simple reference of the Letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the removal of the deposits, to the Committee of Ways and Means.**

The question was then put on *seconding* the motion for the Previous question, (which requires a majority,) and the vote stood, Ayes 115, Noes 109. So the Previous Question was *seconded*.

The Yeas and Nays were then ordered on the main question.

Mr. BURGESS now moved an adjournment, and asked the Yeas and Nays: which were taken, and resulted as follows: Yeas 84, Nays 142.

So the House refused to adjourn.

**The PREVIOUS QUESTION was then put: "Shall the main question be now put?"** And the result was, Yeas 116, Nays 112—So the previous question was carried. Those of the Georgia delegation who voted in the affirmative, were Messrs. Coffee, Schley and Wayne. All the others, viz: Clayton, Foster, Gamble, Gilmer, Jones & Wilde, were present, and voted in the negative.

The main question was then put, on referring the Secretary's Letter on the Deposites to the Committee of Ways and Means, and decided by Yeas and Nays, in the affirmative, as follows—Yeas 130, Nays 98—So the Letter was at length referred without adopting the instructions proposed either by Mr. McDuffie or by Mr. Jones.

On Wednesday the 19th, Mr. Wilkins concluded his speech in defence of the removal of the deposits, and the subject was then on motion of Mr. Clay, postponed to, and made the special order of the day for Monday the 21th. The French Spoliation bill was also on motion of Mr. Mangum postponed to, and made the special order of the day for Monday the 3d of this month. The bill to repeal the Force Act, was also on motion of Mr. Calhoun, postponed till next Monday the 10th inst. and made the special order of that day.

The House had before them Mr. Mardis' instructions to the committee of Ways and Means, "to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit the public moneys of the United States in the State Banks. And, also, as to the expediency of defining by law all contracts hereafter to be made with the Secretary for the safe-keeping, management and disbursement of the same;" in support of which Mr. Mardis addressed the house till the expiration of the hour.

The bill making an additional appropriation of \$900,000 for fortifying the harbors, was opposed by Messrs. McDuffie, Barringer and Hale, and advocated in the whole or in part by Messrs. Polk, Selden, Wayne, Gorham, Harper, Brown and Everett, but the question was not taken. Mr. Barringer in the course of his remarks, stated, a fact which had been ascertained by Col. Drayton, when at the head of the Military Committee, viz: that, at the present rate of appropriating \$100,000 a year for the arming of our fortifications, those *already built* would not be armed under *forty years*. Mr. Drayton, he said, had moved the House to double the annual sum, but the House had refused, though that very session they appropriated \$800,000 for new works. This did not look like that wise foresight which ought to guide the legislation of a great nation.

No business was done on Thursday the 20th; both houses adjourned to enable their members to attend the Funeral of Mr. Wirt.

The whole of Friday the 21st, was occupied by the Senate, in an animated debate upon certain Memorials presented to the Senate concerning the Public Deposites and the Currency. The Debate had not terminated when the Senate adjourned.

On the meeting of the house on Friday 21st, Mr. John Q. Adams pronouncing a short but highly wrought eulogium on Mr. Wirt—moved that the Journal of the preceding day be amended by adding to the simple entry of adjournment, "that it was done to give the Speaker and members of the house the opportunity of attending his funeral obsequies, which was agreed to by nearly an unanimous vote.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Resolution moved by Mr. Mardis, directing the attention of the Committee of Ways and Means to certain propositions concerning the deposit and custody of the public money; and Mr. Mardis continued his argument in support of his