

The resolutions of Mr. Wilde, calling for information connected with the correspondence of the Governor of this state, and of the Indian Agent, with the President of the U. States, introduced on the 21st ult. and acted upon on the 29th, was, upon a motion made by Mr. Wilde, laid on the table.

**Resolved.** That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House, if it will not, in his opinion, be injurious to the public interest: whether any and what measures have been taken to preserve inviolate that part of the Constitution of the United States which declares that no new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State, nor any State be formed by the junction of any two or more States, or parts of States, without the consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned, as well as of Congress.

Mr. Wilde, then offered the following modification of the resolution :

**Resolved.** That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, if it will not in his opinion, be injurious to the public interest, copies of any correspondence between the government of the State of Georgia and the Executive of the United States, touching the formation of a new government by the Cherokee tribe of Indians within the States of North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama ; and also copies of any correspondence between the Executive government of the United States, or any department thereof, and any officer or agent of the United States, or of any State or any Indian tribe, showing the extent to which such new government has been recognised by the Executive of the United States, and how far it is considered as changing or disturbing the relations heretofore existing with the said tribe, and advancing or obstructing the policy of the United States towards them ; together with any information not heretofore communicated concerning the agency which white men, citizens of the United States, have had in forming the same : the extent to which any citizen of the United States, without the authority of government, has had verbal or written intercourse with said tribe with intent to influence their measures or conduct, and to defeat the mea-

asures of the government of the United States, and the sufficiency of existing laws to prevent such interference : together with any other information in his possession, not heretofore communicated, showing the necessity of further legislative provision to aid in carrying into effect the convention of 1802 between the United States and Georgia, by extinguishing the Indian title to lands in Georgia in conformity with the terms thereof ; as well as any information exhibiting the expediency of further legislation for the purpose of confining the Indians to the hunting grounds assigned to them, and preventing their intrusion into the white settlements without a regular passport from the agent of their respective tribes.

Mr. Storrs said that the resolution, as modified, would produce the information which he had in view in offering his amendment.—As part of the resolution required the opinion of the President as to the efficacy of the law, he hoped it would be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Wilde said his only objection was the delay which would be produced. He stated that he had received information which proved that some difficulties and outrages had taken place between the citizens and the Indians. He stated the precise object of the call. A part of the resolution was a call for correspondence to show how far any additional act of legislation might be necessary. He could not say what that correspondence would disclose. Another part called for information how far any white citizens had been concerned in framing the Indian constitution, or in aiding in any acts of illegal character. There is a law on our statute books which renders it criminal in white citizens to aid any foreign power in any act tending to obstruct the policy of our government. He had no objection to the resolution being laid on the table and printed.