

CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS.

February 24.—In the Senate, after several me-

- In the House of Rep. several Bills were reported and committed. - Mr. Daddrige, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, was discharged from the floor consideration of the subject, providing for the representation of the District in Congress, by a Delegate in the House. The remainder of the day was devoted to the engrossing question of the Bank of the United States. - Mr. Root introduced various amendments to the bill for re-chartering that institution; and the resolution of Mr. Clayton, of Georgia, for the appointment of a Select Committee, was taken up and discussed with much animation by Messrs. Paxon, Polk, Jenifer, Cambridge, Branch, and Huntington. - At nearly five o'clock, the House adjourned without coming to any decision upon it.

Le Senne, March 1.

The Resolution of Mr. CLAYTON for a Committee of Enquiry into the affairs of the United States' Bank, coming up for consideration :

Mr. MITCHELL, of South Carolina, who had the floor, addressed the House at length in support of the resolution. He considered the bringing forward of the Bank Memorial as entirely a political movement, intended to affect the Presidential election; denied that there was any urgent necessity of passing the bill rechartering the Bank during the present session; referred to the abuses detailed in the report of the Committee of Investigation in 1819, and insisted on the necessity of the severest scrutiny into the past administration of the concerns of the Bank, as well as its present condition. He drew a strong picture of the evils which so powerful an institution might inflict upon the country, more especially should foreigners obtain the control of its operations.

He was followed by Mr. DENNY, of Penn. on the opposite side, who went into a review of the origin and history of the Bank, the benefits it had conferred upon the country, the evils it had remedied; its vital connexion with the commercial prosperity of the whole Union, and especially that of the West, and the injury that must ensue should the bill for its recharter be lost by delay.

Mr. WATMOUGH, of Penn. offered an amendment, instructing the Committee of *Ways and Means* to inquire into the specific charges preferred by Mr. CLAYTON, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. MITCHELL proposed to amend the amendment by adding a clause instructing the Committee to inquire of the Directors of the Bank whether they had not acted dishonorably or dishonestly in administering the affairs of the institution.

Mr. CAMBRELENG opposed the amendment offered by Mr. WATMOUGH, as tending to evade the object of the resolution. It was wholly unparliamentary to put such an inquiry into the charge of a committee avowedly in favor of the Bank.

Mr. ELLSWORTH opposed the resolution, and advocated the amendment. He urged the necessity of deciding on the bill for rechartering the bank without delay.

Mr. FOSTER denied that any charge of delay could attach to the opponents of the Bank who had for three sessions been endeavoring to get a Select Committee on the subject. He commented with severity on the course of the friends of the institution who seemed to dread and shun an enquiry.

Mr. McDUFFIE said his views remained unchanged by the debate. The charges had vanished into thin air. He very humorously combatted fiat, particularly, which referred to the case of alleged usury in Kentucky, illustrating the effect of a demurrer to a plea from a case in Tennessee, of hog and turkey stealing. He concluded by suggesting to Mr. WATMOUGH the propriety of withdrawing his amendment. It would place Mr. McD. in a delicate situation, as was, besides, contrary to parliamentary usage.

Mr. WATMOUGH, thereupon, withdrew his amendment.

Mr. CLAYTON obtained the floor, and as it was past four o'clock, moved an adjournment.

The House then adjourned.

March 3.

In the *House of Representatives*, Mr. CLAYTON'S resolutions, in relation to the Banks of the United States, was postponed until Monday. After the presentation and adoption of various resolutions the House resolved itself into Committee on the claim of Mrs. Decatur. An animated discussion ensued, when, at a late hour, the Committee rose, asked leave to sit again, and the House adjourned.