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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1806

On Monday the House of Representatives were exclusively engaged until five o'clock, with closed doors, in discussing the propriety of taking off the injunction of secrecy relative to the measures taken on Spanish affairs, which issued in taking off the injunction of secrecy. The following is the journal of these proceedings. Long as it is, it is but a skeleton. Such, however, as it is, it will be read with a deep interest. We have not time to accompany these proceedings with any elucidating remarks. We shall merely say that there appears to have been on this subject an honest diversity of opinion, which resulted in the adoption of measures of a *pacific complection*, by a large majority. On the final passage of the bill, the whole votes were 130, of which 76 republican votes were in favor of the bill, and 27 republican and 27 federal (including every federal member that voted) against it.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, the 6th of December, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and communication from the President of the U. S. which were read.

Ordered, That the said letter and communication, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. John Cotton Smith, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Williams of S. Carolina, Mr. Bidwell and Mr. Brown.

FRIDAY, the 3d of January, 1806.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee to whom were referred the message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of December last, together with the documents accompanying the same, made a report thereon, as followeth:—

Report of the committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the U. S. of the 6th December, 1805.

The committee have beheld with just indignation the hostile spirit manifested by the court of Madrid towards the government of the U. S. in withholding the ratification of its convention with us, although signed by its own minister under the eye of his sovereign, unless with alterations of its terms, affecting claims of the U. S. which, by the express conditions of the instrument itself, were reserved for future discussion;—in piratical depredations upon our fair commerce;—in obstructing the navigation of the Mobile;—in refusing to come to any fair and amicable adjustment of the boundaries of Louisiana; and in a daring violation, by persons acting under the authority of Spain, and, no doubt, apprised of her sentiments and views, of our undisputed limits which she had solemnly recognised by treaty.

To a government having interests distinct from those of its people, and disregarding their welfare, here is ample cause for a formal declaration of war, on the part of the U. S. and such, did they obey the impulse of their feelings alone, is the course which the committee would not hesitate to recommend; but to a government identified with its citizens, too far removed from the powerful nations of the earth for its safety to be endangered by their hostility, peace must always be desirable, so long as it is compatible with the honor and interests of the community.

Whilst the U. S. continue burthened with a debt, which annually absorbs two thirds of their revenue, and duties upon imports constitute the only resource from which that revenue can be raised, without resorting to systems of taxation, not more ruinous and oppressive, than they are uncertain and precarious, the best interests of the union cry aloud for peace. When that debt shall have been discharged, and the resources of the nation thereby liberated, then may we rationally expect to raise, even in time of war, the supplies which our frugal institutions require, without recurring to the hateful and destructive expedient of loans; then, *and not till then*, may we bid defiance to the world. The present moment is peculiarly auspicious for this great and desireable work. Now, *if ever*, the national debt is to be paid, by such financial arrangements as will accelerate its extinction, by reaping the rich harvest of neutrality, and thus providing for that diminution of revenue, which experience teaches us to expect on the general pacification of Europe. And the committee indulge a hope, that, in the changed aspect of affairs in that quarter, Spain will find motives for a just fulfilment of her stipulations with us, and an amicable settlement of limits, upon terms not more beneficial to the U. S. than advantageous to herself,—securing to her an ample barrier on the side of Mexico, and to us the countries watered by the Mississippi, and to the eastward of it. But whilst the committee perceive, in the general uproar of Europe, a state of things peculiarly favorable to the peaceable pursuit of our best interests, they are neither insensible to the indignity which has been offered on the part of Spain, nor unwilling to repel similar outrage. On the subject of self-defence, when the territory of the U. S. is insulted, there can be but one opinion;—whatever difference may exist on the question, whether that protection which a vessel finds in our harbors, shall be extended to her, by the nation, in the Indian or Chinese seas? Under this impression, the committee submit the following resolution:—the annexed letter from the secretary of war will explain why it is not more explicit.

Resolved, That such number of troops, not exceeding as the President of the U. S. shall deem sufficient to protect the southern frontiers of the U. S. from Spanish inroad and insult, and to chastise the same, be immediately raised.

The said report was read and ordered to be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That dollars be appropriated by law for the purpose of defraying any extraordinary expences which may be incurred in the intercourse between the U. S. and foreign nations, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be applied under the direction of the President of the U. S. who shall have authority, if necessary to borrow the said sum, or any part thereof, in behalf of the U. S. at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per centum per annum, and shall cause an account of the expenditure thereof to be laid before Congress as soon as may be.

Resolved, That the additional duty of two and a half per centum ad valorem, imposed by an act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the U. S. against the Barbary powers," be continued for years.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be committed to the committee of the whole House, to whom is committed the before mentioned report of the committee on the message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of December last.

MONDAY, the 6th of January, 1806.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee to whom were referred the message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of December last, and the documents accompanying the same, as also on the resolutions referred to the said committee of the whole House on Friday last; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report and resolutions under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said report and resolutions.

TUESDAY, the 7th of January, 1806.

On motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That any arrangement of limits between the U. S. and Spain, which shall secure to her an ample barrier on the side of Mexico, and to the U. S. the countries watered by the Mississippi, and to the eastward of it, will meet the approbation and support of this House; and

Ordered, That the third resolution be committed to the committee of the whole House, to whom is referred the report of the committee on the message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of December last, and the documents accompanying the same, as also two resolutions referred to the same committee of the whole House on Friday last.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said report and resolutions, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report and resolutions under consideration, and made a further progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said report and resolutions.

WEDNESDAY, the 8th of January, 1806.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee to whom was referred a message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of December last, and the documents accompanying the same, as also on two resolutions referred to the committee of the whole House on Friday last, and one other resolution referred to the same committee of the whole House on Tuesday last; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report and resolutions under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said report and resolutions.

THURSDAY, *January* 9.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee to whom was referred a message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of Dec. last and of the documents accompanying the same, as also on two resolutions referred to the same committee on TUESDAY last, and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report and resolutions under consideration, and made a further progress therein, but not having time to go thro' the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said report and resolutions.

FRIDAY, Jan. 10.

The house, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, on the report of the committee to whom was referred a message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of Dec. last, and the documents accompanying the same, as also on two resolutions referred to the same committee of the whole house on Friday last; and on one other resolution referred to the same committee on Tuesday last, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report and resolutions under consideration, and directed him to report to the house their disagreement to the resolution contained in the report of the committee aforesaid, also their agreement to the first of the two resolutions referred to them on Friday last with sundry amendments; and further that the said committee of the whole house not having time to go thro' the whole of the business referred to them, had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again.

On the question that the committee of the whole house have leave to sit again.

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the report of the committee of the whole house do lie on the table.

SATURDAY, Jan. 11.

The house proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole house made yesterday, on the report of the committee to whom was referred the message and communication from the President of the U. S. of the 6th of Dec. last, and sundry resolutions of the 3d and 7th instants—Whereupon,

The resolution contained in the report of the committee on the President's message aforesaid being read in the words following to wit:

"*Resolved*, That such number of troops, not exceeding as the President of the U. S. shall deem sufficient to protect the southern frontiers of the U. S. from Spanish inroad and insult, and to chastise the same, be immediately raised."

The question was taken that the house do agree with the committee of the whole house in their disagreement to the same.

And resolved in the affirmative..Yeas 72..... Nays 58...as follows.

Yeas...*Messrs. Alston, jun. Anderson, Bard, Barker. Bedinger Bidwell, Bishop, Blake, jun. Blunt, Brown, Boyle, Butler, G W Campbell. Casey, Chandler, M. Clay, Clopton, Conrad, Cook, Crowninshield, Cutts, Darby, Dickson, Earle, Elliot, Elmer, Eppes, Findley, Fisk, Gra, Gregg Green, Halsey, Hamilton Holland, Holmes, Jackson Kenan, Knight, Lambert, Leib, Marion. Masters. Meriwether, N. R Moore, T. Moore, J. Morrow Vir. . Morrow Ohio, Olin, Pugh, T. M Randolph, Rhea (Penn. Rhea Tenn. Richards, Russell, Shuneman, Seaver, Sloan, Smilie, O'B. Smith, Southard, Standford. Stanton, Thomas, Tracy, Varnum, J. Whitehill R. Whitehill. D. R. Williams, M. Williams, N. Williams and Wynns*—72.

Nays—*Messrs. Archer, Bassett, Betton, Brown, Bryan, J. Campbell, Chittenden, Claiborne, Clark, J. Clay, Clinton jun. Dana, Davenport, jun. Early, Ellis, Ely, Fowler. Garnett, Goldsborough, Hastings, Hough, Jones, Kelly, Lewis, jun. Livingston, Lyon, Magruder, M Creery, Mosely, J. Nelson, R. Nelson, Newton, jun. Nicholson. Pitken, jun. Quincy, J. Randolph, Sailly Sandford, J. C. Smith, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stedman. Sturges, Taggart, Tallmadge, Tenny, P R. Thompson. T. W. Thompson, Trigg, Van Cortlandt. Van Rensselaer, Verplanck, Wadsworth, Walton, Wickes, Wilson and Winston*—58.

The house then proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole house to the first resolution referred to them on the 3rd inst. which resolution and amendments being read at the clerk's table, as follows:

"*Resolved*. That dollars be appropriated by law for the purpose of defraying any extraordinary expences which may be incurred in the intercourse between the u. s. and foreign nations, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be applied under the direction of the President of the u. s. who shall have authority to borrow the said sum or any part thereof, on behalf of the u. s. at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, and shall cause an account of the expenditure thereof to be laid before congress as soon as may be."

Amendments.

1st. Prefix a preamble in the words following, to wit: "Whereas in the settlement of our differences with spain, it may be for the interest of the u. s to procure a cession of the spanish territories eastward of the river Mississippi by purchase ...to enable the President, in effecting such purchase, to secure to the u. s. the most advantageous terms"

2d. strike out the words, "any extraordinary expences which may be incurred in the intercourse between the u. s and foreign nations," and insert "the expence which may be incurred in the purchase of the spanish territories lying on the Atlantic ocean and Gulf of Mexico, and eastward of the Mississippi."

3d. after the words "per annum," inserted "redeemable at will."

The first of the said amendments, to prefix a preamble to the resolution being again read, it was moved and seconded to amend the said preamble by preceding it with the following words.

"France having transferred to the U. States the sovereignty of Louisiana, embracing extensively but undefined countries contiguous to the Spanish province of New Mexico and Spain retaining the sovereignty of territories on the Atlantic Ocean and Gulph of Mexico, detached from her other American possessions, but whose local position render them desireable to the U. States."

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 74, Nays 57—as follow,

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Archer, Bard, Bassett, Bedinger, Betton, Broom, J Campbell, Casey, Chittenden, Claiborne, Clark, Clay, Clinton, jun, Clopton, Dana, Davenport, jun. Early, Ellis, Ely, Fowler, Garner, Goldsborough, Gray, Hastings, Holmes, Hough, Jackson, Jones, Kelly, Kenan, Leib, Lewis, jun. Livingston, Marion, Masters, M'Creery, Merriwether, N. R. Moore, T. Moore, Morrow, Va. Mosely, J. Nelson, Newton, jun. Nicholson, Pitken, jun. Quincy, J. Randolph, J. Rea, Pen. Sammons, J. C. Smith, J. Smith, O. B. Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stanford, Stedman, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmadge, Tenny, P. R. Thompson, T. W. Thompson, Trigg. Van Cortland, Van Rensselaer, Verplanck, Wadsworth, Wickes, D. R. Williams, M. Williams, Winston, Wynns—74.

Nays—Messrs. Alston, Barker, Bidwell, Bishop, Blake, jun. Blount, Brown, Boyle, Bryan, Butler, G. W. Campbell, Chandler, M. Clay, Conrad, Cook, Crowninshield, Curts, Darby, Dickson, Earle, Elliot, Elmer, Eppes, Findley, Fisk, Gregg, Green, Halsep, Hamilton, Holland, Knight, Lambert, Lyon, Magruder, Jer. Morrow, R. Nelson, Olin, Pugh, T. M. Randolph, J. Rhea, Ten. Richards, Russell, Sailly, Stanford, Schuneman, Seaver, Sloan Smilie, Southard, Stanton, Thomas, Tracy, Varnum, Walton, J. Whitehill, R. Whitehill. N. Williams.—57

And the said preamble as amended being under consideration, it was on a motion made and seconded, ordered to lie on the table.

MONDAY, Jan. 13.

The house resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole house of Friday last. Whereupon a motion was made and the question being put that the said report be recommitted to the committee of the whole House it passed in the negative; and then the second amendment reported by the said committee to the first resolution referred to them, being again read, as followeth—strike out the words "*any extraordinary expences which may be incurred in the intercourse between the U States and foreign nations*" and insert "*the expences which may be incurred in the purchase of the Spanish territories lying on the Atlantic Ocean and Gulph of Mexico, and Eastward of the Mississippi.*"

The question was then taken that the House do concur with the committee of the whole House in their agreement to the said amendment, and resolved in affirmative—Yeas 74—Nays 58—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Archer, Bard, Bassett, Bedinger, Betton, Broom, J. Campbell, Casey, Chittenden, Claiborne, Clark, J. Clay, M. Clay. Clinton, jun. Clopton, Covington, Da a, Davenport, jun. Ellis, Ely, Fowler, Garnett, Goldsborough, Gray, Hamilton, Hastings, Holmes, Hough, Jones, Kelly, Kenan, Leib, Lewis, jun. Livingston, Lyon, Marion, Masters, M'Creery, Merriwether, N.R. Moore, T. Moore. Morrow Virg. Mosely J. Nelson, Newton, jun. Nicholson, Pitken, Jun. Quincy, J Randolph, Rea, Pen. Sammons, John Cotton Smith, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stanford, Stedman, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmadge, Tenny, P. R. Thompson, T. W. Thompson, Trigg, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, Verplanck, Wadsworth, Wickes, D. R. Williams, M. Williams, Wilson, Winston—74.

Nays—messrs. Alston, Barker. Bidwell, Bishop, Blount, Brown, Boyle, Bryan, Butler, G. W. Campbell, Chandler, Conrad, Cook, Crowninshield, Cutts, Darby, Dickson, Earle, Early, Elliot, Elmer, Epps, Findley, Fisk, Gregg, Green, Halsey, Helmes, Holland, Jackson, Knight, Lambert, Magruder, Morrow, Ohio, R Nelson, Olin, Pugh, T M. Randolph, Rhea, Ten. Richards, Russell, Sailly, Sandford, Schuneman, Seaver, Sloan, Smilie, O. B. Smith, Southard, Stanton, Thomas, Tracy, Varnum, Walton, J Whitehill, R. Whitehill, N Williams, Wynns.—58.

The third and last amendment reported by the committee of the whole House to the said first resolution, to insert after the words "*per annum*," the words "*redeemable at will*" was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

TUESDAY, Jan. 14.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole House of Friday last. Whereupon,

The first resolution reported by the said committee as amended being again read, a motion was made, and the question being put further to amend the same by striking out in the first line thereof the words "*for the purpose of*," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*toward*,"—It was resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 62—Nays 44—as follow:

YEAS—Messrs. Alston, jun. Anderson, Bard, Bedinger, Bidwell, Bishop, Blake, jun Blount, Brown, Bryan, Butler, G. W. Campbell, Casey, J. Clay, Clinton, jun. Conrad, Crowninshield, Darby, Earle, Early, Elliot, Elmer, Findley, Fowler, Gregg, Green, Halsey, Holland, Jackson, Knight, Lambert, Leib, Magruder, Marion, N. R. Moore, Morrow, Ohio, R. Nelson, Newton, jun. Olin, Pugh, Rhea, Ten Richards, Russel, Sailly, Sandford, Schuneman, Sloan, Smilie, O'B. Smith, Southard, Stanton, Thomas, Tracy, Trigg, Varnum, Walton, J Whitehill, R. Whitehill, N. Wickers, Williams, Winston, and Wynns—62.

NAYS—Messrs. Broom, J. Campbell, Chittenden, Claiborne, Clark, Clopton, Covington, Dana, Davenport, jun. Ellis, Garnett, Goldsborough, Gray, Holmes, Hough, Kelly, Lewis, jun. Livingston, Masters, M'Creery, Merriwether, T. Moore, Mosely, Pitken, jun. Quincy, J Randolph, Rea, Penn. Sammons, J. C. Smith, J Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stedman, Sturges, Tallmadge, Tenney, P. R. Thompson, T. W. Thompson, Van Cortlandt, Van Rennsselaer, Verplanck, D. R. Williams, M. Williams, and Wilson—44.

Another motion was made, and the question being put, further to amend the said resolution by adding to the end thereof the following proviso—

"Provided that the sum stipulated to be paid shall not exceed dollars." It passed in the negative—Yeas 57—Nays 62—as follow:

YEAS—Messrs. Bedinger, Betton, Broom, Butler, J. Campbell, Casey, Chittenden, Claiborne, Clark, Clopton, Covington, Dana, Davenport, Ellis, Ely, Fisk, Garnett, Goldsborough, Gray, Hastings, Holmes, Hough, Kelly, Kenan, Lewis, Livingston, Masters, M'Creery, Merriwether, T. Moore, Mosely, J. Nelson, Pitken. Quincy, J. Randolph, Rea, Penn. Sammons, J C. Smith, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stanford, Stedman, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmadge, Tenney, P. R. Thompson, T. W. Thompson, Trigg, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, Verplanck, Wadsworth, D. R. Williams, M. Williams, and Wilson—57.

NAYS—Messrs. Alston, Anderson, Archer, Bard, Bidwell, Bishop, Blake, Blount, Brown, Bryan, G. W. Campbell, Chandler, J. Clay, Conrad, Crowninshield, Darby, Dickson, Earle, Early, Elliott, Elmer, Findley, Fowler, Gregg, Green, Halsey, Helms, Holland, Jackson, Knight, Lambert, Leib, Magruder, Marion, N. R. Moore, Morrow, (Ohio,) R. Nelson Newton, Olin, Pugh, Rhea, Ten. Richards, Russel, Sailly, Sandford, Schuneman, Seaver, Sloan, Smilie, O'B. Smith, Southard, Stanton, Thomas, Tracy, Varnum, Walton, J. Whitehill, R. Whitehill, Wickes, N. Williams, Winston, and Wynns—62.

And then the main question being put that the House do agree to the said first resolution, amended to read as followeth:

RESOLVED, that dollars be appropriated by law toward defraying the expence which may be incurred in the purchase of the Spanish territories lying on the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, and Eastward of the Mississippi, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States, who shall have authority, if necessary, to borrow the said sum, or any part thereof, in behalf of the United States, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, redeemable at will; and shall cause an account thereof to be laid before Congress, as soon as may be

It was resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 77—Nays 54—as follow:

YEAS—Messrs. Alston, Anderson, Archer, Bard, Barker, Bassett, Bedinger, Bidwell, Bishop, Blount, Brown, Boyle, Bryan, G. W. Campbell, Chandler, J. Clay, Clinton, Clopton, Conrad, Cook, Covington, Crowninshield, Cutts, Darby, Dickson, Earle, Early, Elliott, Elmer, Eppes, Findley, Fisk, Fowler, Gregg, Green, Halsey, Hamilton, Helms, Holland, Jackson, Jones, Knight, Lambert, Leib, Magruder, Marion, Masters, N. R. Moore, Jer. Morrow, R. Nelson, Newton, Nicholson, Olin, Pugh, T. M. Randolph, Rhea, Ten. Richards, Russell, Sailly, Sandford, Schuneman, Seaver, Sloan, Smilie, O'B. Smith, Southard, Stanton, Thomas, Tracey, Varnum, Walton, J. Whitehill, R. Whitehill, Wickes, N. Williams, Winston and Wynns—77

NAYS.—Messrs. Betton, Broom, Butler, J. Campbell, Casey, Chittenden, Claiborne, Clarke, M Clay, Dana, Davenport, Ellis, Ely, Garnett, Goldsborough, Gray, Hastings, Holmes, Hough, Kelly, Kenan, Lewis, Livingston, Lyon, M'Creery, Merriwether, T. Moore, Mosely, J. Nelson, Pitkin, Quincy, J. Randolph, Rea of Pennsylvania, Sammons, J. C. Smith, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stanford, Stedman, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmadge, Tenney, P. R. Thompson, J. W. Thompson, Trigg, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, Verplanck, Wadsworth, D. R. Williams, M. Williams, and Wilson—54.

A motion was then made, and the question being put that the house do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That an exchange of territory between the United States and Spain is deemed by this house to be the most advantageous mode of settlement of existing differences respecting limits between the United States and the court of Madrid, and that any arrangement between the two governments which shall secure to Spain an ample barrier on the side of Mexico and to the United States, the countries watered by the Mississippi and to the eastward of it will meet the approbation of this house.

It was resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 80—Nays 52—as follow:

YEAS.—Messrs. Archer, Bard, Bassett, Bedinger, Blount, Broom, Boyle, Bryan, Betton, J Campbell, Casey, Chittenden, Claiborne, Clark, J. Clay, Clinton, Clopton, Covington, Early, Elliot, Ellis, Ely, Eppes, Fowler, Garnett, Goldsborough, Gray, Gregg, Halsey, Hamilton, Hastings, Holmes, Hough, Jackson, Jones, Kelly, Kenan, Leib, Livingston, Marion, Masters, Mac Creery, Merriwether, N R. Moore, T. Moore, Jer. Morrow, J. Nelson, Newton, Nicholson, Pitken, Pugh, Quincy, J. Randolph, Rea of Pennsylvania, Richards, Sailly, Sammons, Stanford, J. Smith, O'B. Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stanford, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmage, Tenney, P. R. Thompson, T. W. Thompson, Trigg, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, Verplanck, Wadsworth, Wickes, D. R. Williams, M. Williams, Wilson, Winston, and Wynns—80.

NAYS—Messrs. Alston, Anderson, Barker, Betton, Bidwell, Bishop, Blake, Brown, G. W. Campbell, Chandler, M Clay, Conrad, Cook, Crowninshield, Cutts, Dana, Darby, Davenport, Dickson, Earle, Elmer, Findley, Fisk, Green, Helms, Holland, Knight, Lambert, Lewis, Lyon, Magruder, Mosely, R. Nelson, Olin, T. M. Randolph, Rhea of Tennessee, Russell, Schuneman, Seaver, Sloan, Smilie, J. C Smith, Southward, Stanton, Stedman, Thomas, Tracy, Varnum, Walton, J. Whitehill, R. Whitehill, and N. Williams—52.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the first resolution agreed to; and that Messrs. Bidwell, Early, R. Nelson, G. W. Campbell, and Claiborne, do prepare and bring in the same.

A motion was then made and seconded that a committee be appointed to present to the President of the United States the resolution last agreed to.

On which motion, debate arising, it was moved and seconded to postpone the consideration thereof until Monday next, and resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, January 15.

Mr. Bidwell, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for defraying the expence which may be incurred in the purchase of the Spanish territories, lying on the Atlantic ocean and Gulph of Mexico and eastward of the Mississippi, which was reported, read twice, and referred to a committee of the whole house this day.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, that the injunction of secrecy, so far as respects the proceedings of this house, on the said bill, be taken off, it passed in the negative—Yeas 49—Nays 78—as follow:

YEAS—Messrs. Archer, Bedinger, Betton, Broom, Brother, J. Campbell, Casey, Chittenden, M. Clay, Covington, Dana, Davenport, Ellis, Ely, Garnet, Goldsborough, Hastings, Holmes, Hough, Kelly, Lewis, Livingston, Lyon, Merriwether, T. Moore, Mosely, J. Nelson, Pitken, Quincy, J. Randolph, Sandford, J. C. Smith, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spalding, Stanford, Stedman, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmage, Tenney, P. R. Thompson, T. W. Thompson, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, Verplanck, D. R Williams, M. Williams, and Wilson.—49.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alston, Anderson, Bard, Barker, Bassett, Bidwell, Bishop, Blake, Blount, Brown, Boyle, Bryan, G. W Campbell, Chandler, Claiborne, Clark, J Clay, Clinton, Clopton, Conrad, Cook, Crowninshield, Cutts, Darby, Dickson, Earle, Early, Elliott, Elmer, Eppes, Findley, Fisk, Fowler, Gregg, Green, Halsey, Hamilton, Helms, Holland, Jackson, Kenan, Knight, Lambert, Leib, Magruder, Marion, Masters, MacCreery, N. R. Moore, Jer. Morrow, R. Nelson, Newton, Nicholson, Olin, Pugh, Rea of Pen. Rhea of Ten. Richardson, Russel, Sailly, Schuneman, Seaver, Sloan, Smilie, O'B. Smith, Southard, Stanton, Thomas, Tracy, Trigg, Varnum, Walton, J Whitehill, R. Whitehill, Wickes, N. Williams, Winston, and Wynns.—78.

The house then immediately resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on the said bill, and after some time spent therein, Mr. speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the clerk's table.

The house proceeded to consider the said amendments. Whereupon,

The first amendment to the first section for filling up the blanks therein with the words "*two millions of*," was on the question put thereupon agreed to by the house.

The second amendment to the same section, to strike out the words "*the expence which may be incurred in the purchase of the Spanish territories, lying on the Atlantic ocean and Gulph of Mexico, and eastward of the Mississippi*"—and to insert in lieu thereof the words "*any extraordinary expences which may be incurred in the in*