

On the 10th of December, a motion was made by Mr. Waggoner, a member for Dorset county, for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act providing funds for the encouragement and establishment of Washington College, and to repeal a considerable part of the act for founding a college on the Western-Shore.

This motion was supported and opposed with considerable ardor on both sides—Mr. Chase particularly, in the course of his arguments against it, made use of expressions so extremely fierce, that they could hardly fail of deeply wounding his adversaries.

We are not to suppose, however, that he escaped wholly free himself—Mr. Waggoner and his adherents, did not fail to report with equal rancor, though perhaps with less effect, and terms of reproach, such as legislators use, were scattered very liberally on both sides—On a division of the House on the previous question the numbers were, for its being put 30, and against it 31—Thus was this very important question, on which without the interposition of the Senate, the happiness of our posterity might in a great measure have depended, decided by a majority of one only.

Mr. Waggoner was not dispirited by this defeat, nor as it is often observed, did his disappointment in this his favorite plan, render him careless as to the adoption of another, though less effectual.

He immediately moved for leave to bring in a bill to suspend the operation of several acts of Assembly, as far as they related to the granting money to the use of the University of Maryland, and to apply it to the exigencies of government for a limited time, in case of our taxes.

This likewise produced some arguments, but he had unfortunately touched on a string which vibrated in full unison with the feelings of several members of the House, who embraced every opportunity of saving money for the present, whatever might be the future consequence—In vain was it urged that an injury would be done to the contributors to the college, and that the State was under an obligation as one of the contracting parties of preserving its faith with the other.—The proposition of easing the taxes was a bait too tempting to be resisted, and the motion was carried by 32 against 29.

The bill was accordingly brought in on the 17th, and on the same day a memorial from the Visitors and Governors of