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Signature of North Carolina. HOUSE OF COMMONS.

State on the Bank Question. Resolved, That the 29th December and the 6th January last.

(Continued.)

Mr. Speaker, I had not intended to trouble the House with remarks on this occasion—but the... of the measure proposed in... together with the extraordinary... taken by those who op... passage, induce me to submit... words, the reasons which com... to support it. The tones of the... have been as various and as... as the colors of the raine... We have been told that the... of our warrants could not be... in this country—that it was... constitutional. It has been asserted... authority, that the disfranchise... of these Corporations would be... an extinguishment of the... to aid from said Corporations... that no sooner had your Sa... Court pronounced a decree of... than the State Bank... be no better than oak leaves... Mr. Speaker, gentlemen have not... here—they have confidently... that not only this would be... of a dissolution, but that... not the power to prevent it... law can be passed by this... that no provision could be... in the bill on your table, to... such effect. That such provi... would be ex post facto. They g... arthers—they tell you of the diffi... and delay which will be produc... in investigation—that it will... not till before the time char... for to pay his debts—the day after... An appeal is threatened to... Supreme Court of the United... the doubts and fears of mem... are wrought on—every thing the... unity of man can devise is seized... to deter us from handing over... judicial authority. Institutions... best friends are compelled to... to judge, have abused their privi... and in many instances acted in... of all law. Again, Sir, we... been told, the investigations into... of the Banks have been at... with pernicious consequences... their notes have depreciated since... session of the Legislature—and... in consequence of the facts which... been brought to light, odium is at... to be thrown on those who... been foremost in this investigation... gentlemen, if their notes have... whose fault is it? Was it... as representatives of the peo... have been so long gone to... death—of whom they have been... such enormous sums of money... and extortion—to rid... in them, and instead of endeavoring... every thing to light, to remove... or produce certainty, as to... charges which have been in cir... to become ourselves aiders and... of the nefarious practices, be... working the people? With what... could we have returned to our con... and told them, notwithstanding... attention was directed to the... of the Banks, by the Govern... Message, that we deemed it too... yet, dangerous, even to raise... of investigation, lest their... situation might be exposed, and... notes depreciate still more? But... gentlemen seem to think, that... the facts disclosed, the... should have taken into con... the evil consequences which... from this being published... world—that they should have... washed all—furnish advocates for... and mildly recommended... was inexpedient for the Legisla... interfere in their concerns—that... duty would no doubt wind up... affairs as mildly as the nature of... would admit. Wind up their... Mr. Speaker, Yes—and, in... language of the gentleman from... the affairs of the people of... Carolina too. That gentleman... Speaker, by his zeal in this in... has incurred the animadver... of a great and powerful part of... community. I need not tell you... that the heavy artillery of this... has been already directed to... him. But, Sir, with a manly... has stemmed the torrent of... and thus far carried the... He is drawing off credit... Speaker, and though the disti... of laurels have not given it him... a tribunal which will award to... the commendation which he so... deserves.

provision is forthwith commended... the State Bank—that the... of the principle which the Bank... the only one deserving of censure, and... liable to the vengeance of the law, but... because they consider her as most culpable... and therefore deserving justice... first. The friends of the measure... proposed in the bill before the House... have thought proper, on the ground of... expediency, to frame the preservation... against the most notorious delinquent... first, respecting the red for the other... two, as necessarily may hereafter dictate... The bill provides against every objection... which the framers could anticipate... would be urged as to the details, and in... to my humble opinion, well calculated, I... should the Supreme Court disfranchise... that Corporation, to protect the people... from the ravensouls of the hungry... Stockholders, who are now ready to... pounce upon them, and who pretty... plainly intimate their intention of so... doing in their late report. Yes, your... Sir, while under the direction and... regulations of the Supreme Court, the... Commissioners might wait with the... debtors—the faith of the State is pledged... for the redemption of the notes in stret... ration, which, it seems to me, would... prevent that depreciation which is now... so much apprehended for surely, Mr... Speaker, the State of North Carolina... can afford a better pledge for the re... redemption of the notes than the Stock... holders can, when she holds in her... hands not only the effects of the Stock... holders, but the resources of the whole... country.

But gentlemen seem to look upon... the bill as a perfect Pandora's box—pass it... and the people are ruined. The gen... tleman from Hillsborough, who has... just taken his seat, tells you it is the... very thing the stockholders want done... —that were he called upon to advise... them, what would be most for their in... terest, he would advise the President... of that Bank to come before the Court... and surrender the charter. He admits... though, that it is competent for this... Legislature to order a judicial investi... gation into the conduct of the Banks... and does not pretend but the writ of... quo warranto is constitutional. I also... understood him, though he denied it in... the commencement of his remarks, to... concur in his argument, the contested... point, which has been the raw head... and bloody bones to many members... —that a dissolution of the Corporation... wrought an extinguishment of the debts... to aid from the Bank. (Mr. Nash ex... claimed, and said he still contended... that such would be the effect.) Then... Sir, I will direct my attention to that... objection.—If the gentleman's con... struction of the law be correct, and this... bill don't provide against this conse... quence, the objection is insuperable... Mr. Speaker, two questions here pre... sent themselves—1. Would a decree... of disfranchisement produce an exting... uishment *ex post facto* of the debts... and 2. If so, does not the provision... in the bill—which is in these words... "That upon a judgment, or decree... of forfeiture of the franchises of any cor... poration being had, or that the same is... dissolved, that such dissolution shall... not work an extinguishment of the... debts either due to or from such cor... poration"—prevent such operation of the... common law from taking effect? Not... withstanding Mr. Speaker, it has been... so confidently asserted on this floor, as... the pledged opinion of legal gentlemen... that a decree of forfeiture of their fran... chises would work an extinguishment... of the debts due to and from the Banks... —and that no interference of the Legi... slature could prevent such effect—... and that any provision which we can... now make to that end, would be *ex post facto*, and consequently unconsti... tutional—yet, I cannot subscribe to... that opinion. In the course of the... discussion, we have heard that asserted... from the highest authority to be law... which now seems to be conceded not... to be law. I therefore do not feel... bound to receive any thing for law... coming from the opposite side, upon... the *ipse dixit* of any gentleman. But... Mr. Speaker, by way of set off to the... legal opinion of the learned gentleman... who tells us that a dissolution is an exting... uishment of the debts, and that no... law can be passed to prevent such ef... fect, that would not be *ex post facto*, I... have the legal opinion of gentlemen... but little if any inferior to that of the... gentleman from Newbern, who asserts... a directly contrary doctrine. I have not... the vanity to assert my own opinion in... opposition to that of the gentleman... from Newbern and Hillsborough. But... I beg the indulgence of the House... whilst I offer an argument which, to... my mind, is conclusive of the power... which the Legislature have to prevent... by the mere operation of law the exting... uishment of debts due to or from... Corporations not yet dissolved. Should... that, for argument, be conceded to... the fact, which I will here take the li... berty of remarking is not conceded, as... might seem to be from the provisions in... the bill—a provision which was inser... ted not from a belief of its actual ne... cessity, but with a view of making cer... tainty doubly sure, and removing the... doubts of gentlemen who might be in... duced to believe there would be danger... of an extinguishment of the debts... This, I say, Mr. Speaker, was the rea... son for the insertion of the clause which... I have just read. Then, Sir, suppose...

out sleeping some decrees passed to... protect the people of North Carolina... from the ravensouls of the hungry... Stockholders, who are now ready to... pounce upon them, and who pretty... plainly intimate their intention of so... doing in their late report. Yes, your... Sir, while under the direction and... regulations of the Supreme Court, the... Commissioners might wait with the... debtors—the faith of the State is pledged... for the redemption of the notes in stret... ration, which, it seems to me, would... prevent that depreciation which is now... so much apprehended for surely, Mr... Speaker, the State of North Carolina... can afford a better pledge for the re... redemption of the notes than the Stock... holders can, when she holds in her... hands not only the effects of the Stock... holders, but the resources of the whole... country.

Wilmington, Del. April 10. Shocking depravity. We have just received a letter from a friend in Sussex county, which furnishes a detail of a shocking course of murderous... deeds which has been carried on near... the Delaware and Maryland line, for... some years past. A person residing on a farm belong... ing to the Patty Cannon, having cleared... off some brush from a low piece of... ground, was engaged in ploughing it... when his horse sunk into a grave, and... upon removing the earth, a cheat was... found, in which was discovered the... bones of a human body. The news... soon spread abroad, and some of those... who heard of the affair having recollect... ed that an individual who was in the... neighborhood some years ago, had... suddenly disappeared in a mysterious... manner, it was immediately suspected... that he had been murdered, and that... the bones now discovered were his. A... suspicious individual, who had former... ly been an inmate in the family of... Patty Cannon, and who some time past... had been residing in Maryland, was... after apprehended in our state, and... underwent an examination before a mag... istrate at Seaford, when he acknowl... edged that while he resided with... Patty Cannon, &c and the famous Jo... Johnson and his brother Ebenezer, murder... ed the individual in question, and bur... ied the body in the chest in the place... where the late discovery had been made... He stated, moreover, that the same in... dividual had committed various other... murders, and accompanied the officers... to the places where he said the bodies... had been interred, and upon removing... the earth, human bodies were found... buried in the manner he had described... the bodies to have been deposited... Patty Cannon has been apprehended... and is now confined in the Jail at... Georgetown, but Jo. Johnson is said to... be, at this time, residing in the state... of Alabama, and his brother in Missis... sipi. The individual whose bones have... been discovered, is said to have star... ved a few days before he was missed, that... he had with him thirty five thousand... dollars with which he designed to pur... chase negroes; and it is supposed that... the murder was committed for the... purpose of obtaining the money. Further... particulars will be given in our next... Watchman.

A friend at Rogersville has communicated to the Editor of the Knoxville (Tenn.) Register, the following tragical event. On Saturday evening, the 22nd ult. Samuel B. Tunnell, (a carriage maker) terminated his life, in this village, by means of laudanum. During the day he frequently declared his intention, and was seen drinking the contents of a phial, which he said was laudanum, but as he was jocose and apparently unconcerned, it was believed that he was merely playing a trick, & wished to excite needless alarm. His urgent solici... ted several individuals to take him a will, and requested one of our mer... chants, should be die the ensuing night, to furnish him a shroud. It had been in Tennessee but a few weeks, and had in the mean time become married. His wife having received information that he had been previously married, and had a family living, refused to live with him or acknowledge him to be her husband. Her situation of feeling being assumed as the cause of his disinclination to live, and affirmed that he cherished for her an ardent affection. He denied his having been previously married, but admitted that he had, for several years, lived with a woman in the state of Virginia, who was considered his wife, and by whom he had three children. Being unhappy in that condition, he said that he had endeavored to kill himself by shooting; but not...

Trickery exposed.—A short time since, says an English gentleman who has recently visited London, the priests found, or pretended to have found, an image dug up from the earth, and proclaimed it to be the effigy of an eminent saint; it was accordingly set up in one of the churches, where crowds of devotees assembled to offer their adorations. To his saintship was also referred the decision of the disputed point, who was the legitimate monarch of Portugal. The officiating priest put the question in an audible voice: "Is Don Pedro the lawful sovereign of these realms?" The saint shook his head as a negative indication. "Is Don Miguel the sovereign?" The image nodded assent. This was repeated on various occasions, and was considered by the multitude as an astonishing miracle. At one time, in the presence of our informant, the first inquiry had been replied to as usual; the second, however, was returned upon which the priest several times repeated the question, and at length assumed great vehemence of manner, when a boy snatched his head from behind the curtain, and exclaimed, "It is not my fault, sir; the string has broken!"