

THE LEGISLATURE.

(Charlotte Observer.) SENATE. March 13.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, &c.

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Mr. Caldwell was opposed to this reckless expenditure of the public money.

The seekers of these offices knew the pay they were to receive and should be content with it.

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