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But let me come now to the expediency of distribution. My colleague says he is "in favor of distribution of the proceeds arising from the sales of the public lands, or a division of the lands themselves, among all the States according to their representation upon this floor." Now, I think I shall be able to show that, by such a policy, the greatest injustice would be done to North Carolina, in common with all the alarcholding States; and, further, that it would violate the terms of the deeds of ceasion, and the very principle which he himself says should you have been so accompanied to the land found it would do injustice to North Carolina and the other slaveholding States would receive of the land fund it would do injustice to North Carolina and the other slaveholding States would receive of the land fund in the proportion of their entire population, the slaveholding States would only be entitled to receive in the proportion of their slave with he displays and substantiance of the sand of the general carge and expenditure," can be were be carried into practice.

If time were allowed me I "might strengthen my position by citing the highest authority to show that our land system is the very best that has been or can be divised; but I will now give the opinion of Mr Clay only, whose authority as to the wisdom of that system will have great weight with my friend. Mr Clay said:

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If, on the other hand, the public lands be retained by the general government, brought into market gradually as they should be, and the proceeds arising from their sales placed in the treasury and used for the crdinary expenses of government, and in payment of the national debt, for which they were pledged by the act of January, 1847, and the taxes upon imports reduced pro tanto, the States will not only be compared than she has paid on a compared to the proportion of the sales paid on a compared to the government of \$17.09.

by which the reserved sections would be enhanced in value, and such as could not otherwise be disposed of rendered salable.

When the great leader of the whig party, Mr Clay, undertook to defend the constitutionality of distribution, he was accustomed to exert all the lands within the territory, as ceded to be united to, any of the before mentioned purposes or distribution, he was accustomed to exert all the energies of his mighty intellect in arguments deduced from the constitution and drawn from the deeds of cession. My colleague makes short work of it; he reads a clause from that instrument, quotes the gentleman from South Carolina, and complacently reposes from his labor.

And what is there in the clause of the constitution will and what is there in the clause of the constitution and the constitution and the constitution of the united States. Virginia made her deed of pollution of our soil by the hostile foot of cession in the following words:

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a clear gain to her of \$1,814,824.

In this connexion let me correct a very mon error which prevails—that is, that general government derived a great peem advantage from the cession made by 1 the Carolina. I do not mean to underror magnatimity of that act. No, ar North lina, with a patriotism that entiles her to, issting honor, offered up upon the liter of the whole domain, now constitutes the of Tennessee. Actuated by a noule descrete the public credit, promote he house elevate the public credit, promote he house elevate the bonds of union among the state of dered it up freely, and generous and cement the bonds of union among a sale offered it up freely, and generou triotic was the act. But the generous ment never realized any pecuniary from the cession, as will appear from ment I have here, obtained from Office.

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the House it was voted for by Messrs Outlaw, and Clingman.

The table contained in the speech of my made for "military services" amounting to 24, 1 341,919 acres, and that these grants have been made for "military services" amounting to 24, 1 341,919 acres, and that these grants have been made for "military services" amounting to 24, 1 341,919 acres, and that these grants have been made for "military services" amounting to 24, 1 341,919 acres, and that these grants have been made for "military services" and particular States, when, in fact, they are nothing more than the bounty lands which a generous and grateful are the bounty lands which a generous and gratef

complete the work, to add in its construction of the sait its. Marie canal, and does not my colleague believe, and other was a works are in contemplation, or by the proposed construction of the sait its. Marie canal, its. Marie canal, its marks that the government would lose of the seems of the proposed construction of the sait its. Marie canal, it is constructed by the grant? Surely no argument in normal point in manuscular that the government would lose of the sait is approposition.

But tays my friend, "experience proyes that the said proposition of the sait is appropriate of the sait said of the said of the