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Debates in Congress.
House of Bepresentatives, February


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far on tioe ${ }^{\text {far on their patience. }}$ This subject having already occupied a disproportionate space of thectime
of this bouse, he sheuld not again take up the argument, but only gain take
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general iew enencal observations, which he had
dessigned to offer on the former sion. He knew foll well the imberase
advan'ages which gentleman have when they age which genteman have when
the andress themselves not to the understanding and the judgment, but
moke ardent appeals to tho moke ardent appeals to the prejudices
and passions of the people. The peo ple's inghts, and the sovereignty of the peoplit:- The very finest and most popu-
lar themes for declamation! He felt the great dff uly of being heard, coolly
and dispasionately, and dispasionately, a: the bar of rea
son, at the moment when the pausions son, at the moment when the passions
are stimulated into tumult, and worked
up to a pitch of phrenzy.
In this country, as we have seen from the foundation of the governnient, whenever a new paryy was about to or-
ganize itself, or a new faction about to spring into existecce, is very first breath was breathed in a holy and fer
vent love for the feoti-. it ardor and it devotion to the puble weal transcend
ed only by the purity and disinteres'ed. ness of ts motives. I confess, sir, that
have lived long enough to distrust these ardors. When I see the frosts of age
dissolving under the warm glowings incident to youth, and the fatriot of sixtyentering the lisis with the very flower and
chivalry of the land, endeavorieg oout. stij; them in demonstrationgy of love and
devotion to the people, 1 begin to look abrut me; for I fear mischief, or suspect
trachery. 1 need not refer you oniy to our own history, but the history of other countrics, and other ages, disclo-
ses the fact, that many of the bloodics: tyrants that ever dis graced humanity, beran therr career by fawning on the courting their f. vor,
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man from South Carolina, that all sove. reign power resides in the people,
and that every agent in authority must
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the early professicns of Bonaparte, and
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gation voted. There are four alates in gation voted. There are four states in
the union, represented, in this each, by one member. These house men, according to the rules estabtished on a former occasion, and according to the rules reported on thi-, may hidd
their secref from all the world, if they their secret from all the world, if they
choose. They have nothing to do but to one into each box, among 23 other votes and how are their ballots to be known to be identified? How does this cotnpart with gentemen's notions? How defec
tive is the constitution according to views! Instead of requiritg the thei bers to vote in a manner to prevent the the practice of fraud and deceit. that same constitution becomes "fiarticefto ar iminis, by throwing the mantle over
deeds of darkness and crime, by shield ing them from exposure 10 by shield keance of disappointed amtition; or the scorn and hatred of a betrayed coun-
There have been some politicians sily enough to imagine that the framers
of the constitution looked atar off, and either dreamed or believed that occa sions might arise, when this provision would be found most salutary, that the safety of the republic might depend up.
on the ignorance of the tyrant where io direct his blows. For myself, however, I hope, said M1. M. that I may be permitted to
say that I hate mystery-I hate 11 con calments in the discharge of a pub lic duty; and shall be one of the last to the trom the sever may bave int charged it. I would scorn the use of the man le.
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I advert to these considerations with view of showing with how many dif
ficulies this subject is beset, and how arduous would be the task of framing a theory, according to gentiemen's icews, that would harmonize in its prac vical operations with constitutional pro
ve the subject. Sir, it seoms to me
eption of the framers of the troe confion is this; that the representatives in from the would come immediately from the people-they are part of the
peopla-presumed to be men of some chatacter, connected with the comme nity fro, which they emanate by a thou sand ties; character, love of respect, fa mily, children, a common interest, a comthat community in habits, ietifind with timents, \&c.; and, thats, leelings, sen sult, so much to be deprecated, of the presidential elea ion being cast upon
this house, shall hapren, that all these nes and considerations form a suffi and judicious selection will be honest, This view, I think, said Mr. M. is con formable with the theory of the con stitution.
tions of the constituuon oneous exposiIn the work entitied the Fedrabect a work written by some of the ablest which is resorted to by the ablest con stitutional lawyers, as high and grave
authority, I find the following
"But as a majority of votes mighe man, and as it might be unsafe to one mit less than a majoity to be conclusive bouse of representatives shall select the of the candidates, who shall have the five (now changed to "three,") highest tinions, may be best qulifed.", in their And yet, it is said, that these doe France-they are too strong for the
reign of Napoleon. Such are some of the difficultias into wildered by an oremen areleluded and be res that have sprung int life the brain highly excited by political conall tor love that the mo her bestows on
her rickelly tanding hut, sir, if these deductd from the letter of the constitulosophy of the constitu'tion of which we
have licard in this debeti? Yes, str, the sophy whith, I fear, is to arm this great
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baricr, that the wise men of the:old is in cessantly, mort fratlolly, and which mely mercasine. Yes, sir, the philose

