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Congress of the U. States. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, December 22. MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY.

[Debate concluded.]

Mr. Harper. I apprehend that the honorable member has totally mistaken the course of the business.

Are we then by this side wind to hint to the President that we wish the governor of the Mississippi Territory removed?

These were not the plain, fair means pursued for the attainment of an avowed end.

The gentleman from Kentucky had called the governor of the Mississippi Territory, after hearing reproaches upon his character, a venial or a traitor.

This same question had been before the house at the close of the last session.

Upon the whole, if a proper plan be pursued, instead of sanctioning these resolutions by a reference of them, a committee may be appointed.

Mr. Claiborne. I cannot subscribe to the character given to Winthrop Sargent by the gentleman from South Carolina.

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Never before had he seen a resolution preface by such a number of "whereas's," only tending to place the character of this man upon the rack.

Mr. Griswold concluded by repeating that he was against the resolutions, not because he was averse to an investigation.

Mr. Harper here explained what had taken place in him in a previous part of the debate.

Mr. Dennis thought the question then before the house an improper one.

Mr. Clark thought the object of the resolution itself improper.

Mr. Davis. The opposition to these resolutions has assumed various shapes.

The gentleman from South Carolina, as was usual with him, had made remarks on this subject.

Mr. Claborn had called the charges contained in the resolutions mere assertions.

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It appeared to Mr. Mason that it became that house to be the more attentive to these charges.

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the motion of the gentleman from South Carolina was agreed to.

Mr. Davis appealed to gentlemen, whether they were serious in wishing to send for persons and papers?

The Speaker called to order. The main question was not before the house.

Then, said Mr. Davis, I will say nothing about it and sit down.

The question on Mr. Randolph's motion was then put and lost—Ayes 29.

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