

COMMUNICATION.

FOR THE REGISTER.

Recent events of interest and importance recall a set of political resolutions passed by the Legislature of 1843, and bearing the imposing title—"Resolutions of Instruction."

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ed, they come. But under the happy influence of the words above, a sturdy Democrat may sit unmoved during the whole Senatorial term. It has long been notorious that all measures proposed by Whig Administrations are unconstitutional.

Two important objections may be raised to the doctrine of Legislative Instruction as held in North Carolina. The first is that our General Assembly is not necessarily an index of the political sentiments of our State.

Our system of Legislative representation is based on the three elements—territory, Federal population, and taxation. The two first enter into the composition of the House of Commons, the last alone determines the allotment of the Senate.

Orange, as a County, has one member; her Federal population, being about 20,000, gives her the other three. The Federal population of Hertford entitles her to no additional member, so in the Commons she is represented by one only.

Members of the Senate are distributed according to the amount of public taxes paid by the different Counties. Under such an arrangement, Orange and Hertford each have one. Then, with 3500 voters, Orange has five representatives in the General Assembly, that is, one representative to every 700 voters; with 600 Hertford has two, or one to every 300 voters.

Orange, with 1750 voters, balance Orange, with twice as many; and over balance Ashe, Cleveland, Davie and Yancy, with more than 4,000.

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Legislative instruction is a practical absurdity; and that if ever the peculiarities of any one occasion could lend it an additional tinge of ridiculousness, that time was the era of Democratic supremacy in 1842—emphatically, as has since repeatedly been shown, the winter of North Carolina's discontent.

But, even could we suppose that the Legislature always represented the political opinions of our people, it is contended that Legislative instruction is not a Constitutional right.

The attention of one set of officers is directed exclusively to affairs of the State; that of the other to the affairs of the Union. The Legislature has as much to do with the Tariff, as Congress has with the mode of administering justice in the County Courts.

In accordance with this view I contend that the Legislature has no right as such to pass Resolutions on the Tariff; it is a special agent of the people and such act is extra official, and must be held to resolve into an self constituted political Convention.

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ation of the politics of our Senators, we should not accuse the Democrats of too much kindness towards these gentlemen, but rather suppose, a theory supported by the partiality of the Democracy for English, that our Legislators had some vague notion that instruct, request and require conveyed essentially the same meaning.

As I remarked at first, recent events have called the doctrine of Instruction to our attention; and the Resolutions of 1842 contain the latest exposition of that doctrine in our State.

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We know not, we ask not, we care not, what others may think of Mr. Haywood's address—We view it as an able and triumphant vindication of the purity of his motives in pursuing the course he did.

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[WILMINGTON COMMERCIAL—EXTRA.] August 30th, 1846. HIGHLY IMPORTANT NEWS! From the N. O. Com. Times, 24th inst.—Extra. FROM MEXICO.

Overtures and Imprisonment of Gen. Paredes.—The Country pronounced in favor of Gen. Santa Anna.—Annexation of the California to the United States.

Through the politeness of an eminent commercial house, we have just been placed in possession of the following most important intelligence from Mexico. The news was received by a British man-of-war, which touched at the Balize with despatches from the British Minister at Mexico for his Government.

The present Government carries the news of the annexation of California to the United States, received last night by express at the British Consulate.

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