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many years divided this body, and pre- it ? all wholesome legislation, and to bring new order of things, when we shall be d by one common principle-a desire to our common con .v-that I was into go for them. But I found the west, a large maj rity of the west, opposed m ; and, upon exemination, I discovered ex be unequal in one. House, it must be the other; and if the principle by which ropose to reform the House of Commons. reduce the number of members, be a good we should adopt it in toto, and reduce the ber of Senators also. The interest of landlers is peculiarly represented in the Senate, I the interest of all classes in the House of mmons. Will it be consistent with this they to leave the Senate, so nearly equal in point numbers to the House of Commons? Should it be more than half? It is more than half in any well balanced Constitution? Again, sir, resolutions do not provide that the amendments agreed upon by the convention shall be submitted to the people for their ratification. am not willing concessarily to repose too much power any where. I wish the people to look over what their delegates may do; and to ratify their acts before they become a part Constitution ; for these reasons I cannot be the resolutions as the resolutions as the committee with a few observations upon the subject, and shall then move to amend, by striking out all the articles except the 8th, which relates to the Scat of Government, and insert a provision for a general Convention, and ratification with people. When we meet in general Convention, it will be time enough to fix upon such autual concessions as reay Se mecessing All "account parties to meet."

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Convention. Is the work of their hands, than I do. It was such thing, sir. The one is bound by a written constitution, the other by established laws, this fair? Is it equal? I appeal to made, and as clearly establishes the claim of the claim of the wastom of states new, as the marked out for them, and they the gentlemen of the east, and ask them admerably suited to the times for which it was made, and as clearly establishes the claim of its framers to the wisdom of statemen, as the finables of the revolution, their claim to the value of the revolution, their claim to the value of soliters; and, six, I cannot feel that this —the original nights of man; and the fithers are equal participation of political power-the original nights of man; and the fithers are equal participation of political power-the original nights of man; and the fithers are equal participation of political power-the original nights of man; and they the gentlemen of the east, and as form them, and they the gentlemen of the east, and as form the fithers are equal participation of political power-the original nights of man; and they the gentlemen of the east, and as form the fither are equal participation of political power-the original nights of man; and they the gentlemen of the east, and are the fitters are equal participation of political power-the original nights of man; and they the gentlemen of the east, and they had been the east of the east, and they had been the east of the east, and they had been the east of the east, and they had been the east of the east, and they had been the east of the east for of soldiers; and, sir, I cannot feel that this the original mights of man; and the fitters an equal participation of political powers, there is another and a weighten reperation is had aside, when I warre, that in of the revolution having themselves just recurs or? I appeal to them as given of the revolution faving themselves just recurs or? I appeal to them as given of the revolution. The The operation of the revolution having measures just recurthe operation of the revolution having measures just recurtourier, the Constitution is growly imaged, pendence of this country, its separation from
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sy preparation, and all the "pomp and circum- ington, be, for the purpose of representation these circumstances, could they mature a Con-counties are considered equal for the purpose stitution upon the new principles and opinions of representation, and equal for every thing for which they were about to contend? Could else. This is the strangest representation ev

State extended west to the Mississippi river; cral Government, which is a Union between it had not been laid off into counties farther sovereign States, every district that sends a west than Rowan and Mecklenburg; it con-member to the House of Representatives pay-toined about three hundred thousand sous. the same amount of taxes. It would be though Was there the means of ascertaining the prop- monstrous, were all the counties compelled to er basis of representation? It was wise to adopt the old English system for the present right, sir. If they be equal in expresentation, emergency, and hitle was it expected that that temporary Constitution would be in use in 1832, after the State had become settled and which the basis of representation is free white improved, was divided into 64 counties, and population or population and texation combin contained 758,000 sunfs. Can it be thought e I first looked at the resolutions, so by which every county is entitled to three but members, would be kept up after the Stale was questifule country, that must continue until settled and laid off into countries as far West as ing is done; so great was my desire to the Mississipp? Was it for seen that this westthe source of the sectional feeling that era territory would be given away to get rid of Take the line had down by a conspicu-

And, sir, what is the history of that day? Many of the colonies acted under their old colonial charters until the war was over. A sline from the corner of Granville south few, North Carolina of the number, in 1776 has through the State, and you have 28 tily drew up a Constitution, retaining most of western, and 36 eastern counties. Take the features - may the very names of their old as the proper passe, federal numbers in charters. All the States that formed Constitucharters. All the States that formed Constituconcede too much. It representation by tions in 1776. North Carolina excepted, have one House, and federal numbers and luce remodeled them many of them more than | land taxation, which is the parced out a once. Even the States that made Constitutions for if negroes be included in federal in 1790 have found it necessary to amend them, numbers, it is not right to include them to meet the changes that have taken place ! Nor b Carolina alone has remained stationary, again in taxation. Or to avoid disputes. and falled to keep pace with the age. The take federal numbers and taxation genournals of that day show that the framers of erally in the other, and how does the that instrum nt, bound together by a common danger, that pointed the energies of the State to one object, and a serbed all selfish and it- 28 western counties contain in federal liberal considerations, completed the work in less than a week, and then engaged themselves. 36 eastern counties in providing the ways and means of repelling the invading energy. These circumstances all prove that this Constitution was a temporary arrangement. The hope that, when peace was 28 western counties pay a land tax of \$11,220 restored, a Constitution could be formed ensur- 36 eastern counties ing to ail equal rights and an equal participa-tion in the bissargs of government, has mever been realised. As soon as the common danger as western counties pay in uses was removed, as if the fid of randomies out and 28 western counties pay in uses sectional judicity, party terrogy and all the distraction that interest and amoiston can ore ginate, divided the councils of the State. As arly as 1787, Governor Speight of Newbern,

tion and property of the country, or in any operate equally on all, and to preserve the c I'll wear it." qual sights at all, it was right - nay. it was althen solutely necessary, if they is shed to preserve principles and change, modify or amend the Constitution. Truly, sir, this was spoken and the blessings of liberty have not been preand the emergency, and under the full expect equal rights. The right of representation is instrument itself, the circumstances under my two counties equal) nextent, in population which it was formed, the condities of the country at that time, and the nistory of that day, this xiew of the subject will be fully sustained.

Set bere by the same number of vidual Archivery in population of the countries will neither be too large nor countries will neither be too small. But, sir, when a memorial this xiew of the subject will be fully sustained. Does it not seem stronge that the fathers of one. But particular tases will sometimes the revolution, in forming a Constitution, restricts most forcibly. Let us advert to two tained the English system of representation by counties, and institute a comparison. Bowan

a mere temporary arrangement?

What were the circumstances under which the Constitution was framed? The colonies had just thrown off the British yoke—had scarcely mount of money or of men? Why then shall scaled the clear that the people could govern themselves—were deafened by the notes of the certain marked three colors of Wash. ble nation in the world, sided by a strong body of tories in the bosom of the country! Under these circumstances, could they mature a Country representation, ander which they make any but a temporary arrangement? er imposed upon a people, who believed the What was the condition of the country ? The lived in a republican country! St, in the Fed ed. They are all arong, or North-Carolina is

> But it may be said, this is a sectional question, a question between East and West. Will that after the inequality? ous man of the East, Mr. Stanly, in a former debate upon this question : draw calculation stand?

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Sir, there is another grievance under the blessings of liberty-to recurs o fundamen, the present Constitution, one that very materially affects the growing prosperiof a portion of our State. I allude to in the spirit of prophecy. It foreigld that the blessings of liberty could not be preserved but dividing the large counties in the west. countries the dearest and most sacred right of man, be consulted by the erection of counties a step with a red over them. Will the dearest and most sacred right of man, be consulted by the erection of counties those gentlemen pardon me for reminties should ho regulated by convenience on one hand-restrained by county extion of these balancing principles, praying for the erection of a new countiqued the English system of representation by counties, without regard to the extent of territory, population of tystism, and the English system of brongle territory, population of tystism, and the English system of brongle territory population of tystism, and the English system of the presentation, and did not a system of brongle territory and the English system of the presentation, and did not a system of the presentation, and did not a system of the presentation, and the presentation should go together" apprinciple for which they were about to engage in an unstructed of the proposed new county, the presentation should go together" apprinciple for which they were about to engage in an unstructed of the proposed new county, the proposed new county, and to maint in which they pledged the presentation should go together" apprinciple wholly by the consideration of political weight to the extent in treason, but the grading of the proposed to think it is appreciate the feeling by which the restorement of the proposed of the appropriation is made an interest to the feeling by which the restorement to the precision of the proposed of the appropriation of the proposed of the appropriation is made and influenced the feeling by which the restorement to f

sented, and have been rejected upon liberal voter. When a question was the consideration of political power aproposed, he stopped not to ask, did it lone. And, sir, they will always be come from the East or the West? It rejected until the system of county re- was sufficient for him to know it was Most of them were obtained by stri- appropriation question, that we now see king off a new county in the east, as an him in the adverse ranks, ready to lend equivalent. All were forced from a re- his powerful arm to crush right and upluctant hand. Look at your mountain hold wrong ! We believe, in the mocountry ! without public patronage, ment of excitement, when he permitted without the encouragement of a liberal his feelings to be too highly wrought and correct policy, it has grown and up, in the discussion of a favorite quesbecome populous and wealthy in spite tion, and in the moment of disappointproved would that country now have mer friendship and found he was not heen, had you pursued towards it the able to sway us, he permitted himself to policy observed in every other State to- be carried away by the feelings of wards their unsettled territory-had you .. those among whom his lot is cast." offered a proper measure of convenience ment to this House, an ornament to his to those who are inclined to settle it? native State, and we have regretted, The county of Ashe is an instance in and do now regret that, cramped and point. That is mountain country, but kept down by the illiberality of party the county of Ashe has increased more to display themselves upon a theatre in the last ten years than any county in where they would be an ornament to the State. But the misfortune is, that the nation. Are these the sentiments of a new county, it has really always sal. We meet, in the world, with so first, sin reform the House of Commons; and had feeling, that it is a relief to find let the Senate remain as is proposed in a man whom we can love and venerates the original resolutions, let eight in the it is sunshine to the soul. We are sor-Senate be the eastern majority, and you ry it has been darkened by a passing never will see another new county. Is cloud. not the settling and improvement of our western country a strong consideration for calling a Convention, when experii .iberal policy?

consideration upon gentlemen who know so well the value of money, and who are

so little inclined to tax the people. gentlemen who took part in the debate, that their convenience in attending the semblance of acting under compulding them that this proposition has been made time after time, and had been as

bers affect the power of the east ? And no right. From this remark I must be the answer governs the decision. Me-morials upon memorials have been pre-of these gentlemen has always been a presentation is abolished! Some new right. And although we lament, as counties, it is true, have been erected. the most unfortunate consequence of the of your neglect. How much more im- ment, when he reminded us of his forsupported and helped it on by the foster- We still respect his virtues and admire ing arm of government-had you even his talents. We consider him an ornsthe county is of convenient size, and feeling, his talents have not been able the difference in political power be- alone of the individual who new adromes definite and certain, as you ap- dresses you? The looks of all around the point of equality, the chance me proclaim that the feeling is univermen a chance, is lessened; and, my word much illiberality, so much prejudice

Mr. Chairman, permit me to make one or two remarks upon the approprience makes it clear that under the pre- tion. We were told, the obligation of sent Constitution, collaterally it is true, a solemn oath bound us to vote the apbut no less certainly, insurmountable propriation. The oath was pressed upobstacles are opposed to the adoption of on us as frequently, and with as much art as an experienced advocate presses One of the blessings of liberty is the it upon an ignorant jury that he does cojoyment of a good government and not respect, with the hope of acquitting good laws, with as little expense to the a client whom he knows to be guilty? people as the nature of things will ad- We were told the plighted faith of the mit. Is not the Legislature unnecessary State bound as to vote the appropriation! the number of members remain the mit. Is not the Legislature unnecessary the distracted condition of the country rendered them all abortive.

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Mr. Chairman, the Constitution contains no combining federal numbers and land Legislate the time of the seat of government unstantial principles, is a majority of about 18 members; and to alter their form of government. But, sir, there is in the Bill of Rights a clause, by which we are solemnly adminished to make amendments to suit the change of times. "A feeduce of the control of the con however, all to by the discourage of times. In the change of times, the change of times are present Constitution, the east has a management recurrence to fundamental principles is present Constitution, the east has a management recurrence to fundamental principles is present Constitution, the east has a management recurrence to fundamental principles is present Constitution, the east has a management of the exercise of a power reservation of the change of the east has a management of the exercise of a power reservation of the exercise of the exercise of a power reservation of the exercise of the exercise of a power reservation of the exercise of the exercise of the exercise of a power reservation of the exercise of the exercise of the exercise of a power reservation of the exercise of the eration for the patients due to the independence of this country load in a. No man pendence of this country load in administering them. And this, too, after conceding the believe I believe I need not press this feature. It was such thing, sir. The one is bound by a written of white population entirely. Is sir? I believe I need not press this feature to believe that you wish to select a more eligible situation, sets to work and builds them up in the old place, without consulting you upon the subject. Would he not act in bad faith? Would be not violate his trust? Sir, we are confirmed in our view of the case by recurring to the history of the marred ; the Legislature meets not to State House. Does it not seem strange recurred to the secred right of recountion the hold power to which they have no right provide for the general good, but to that, after the Legislature in 1787 had and which accidental erroumstances a witness the struggles of factions. This called a Convention, and after this Conhas been the case, and will be the case vention, in 1788, had, by a majority of eleven, fixed upon this place as the seat of government, the Legislature, in 1789, right to the crown? "My father wore this state of things continued? Will should prove refractory and refuse to it, and gave it me, and by this right they refuse to join in a measure that carry the ordinance into effect by votwill unite us as a band of brothers. We ing an appropriation; that in 1790 the were told a few days ago in the discussion of the appropriation bill, by the in 1791 it was carried by but one vote. -57 in the affirmative, 55 in the negathat, however much they were inclin- tive-one vote would have made it a tie, ed amicably to settle these differences, 56 to 56, as it was the year before, and if the appropriation was refused, they the bill been lost? How is this exby a frequent recurrence to fundamental prinding the large counties in the west. If the appropriation was refused, they the bill been lost received this administration. Your citizens have a right to expect could not go with us, as it would have plained? There were in the Legislature calling the Convention, and in the courts and other public meetings will sion. They said they would not more Convention, seven counties in what is now Tennessee, represented; and by referring to the Journals, you will find they voted with the East. In the fall of 1789. Tennessee was ceded to the U. States; penses on the other. Under the acoften spurged by them; and that it ap
Tennessee allies; and the West and pears to us that they refuse it now for Cape Fear successfully resisted the orthe reasons they refused it before. It dinance which had been obtained by this seems to us, sir, that the excitement management, until the desertion of Timupon the State House question proves othy Bloodworth. His name, sir, had clearly the unhappy distraction of the been consigned to oblivion. We rememty, the subject, instead of being decided country, and demonstrates the necessity bered the treason, but had forgotten the by these principles alone, is influenced of Convention; and, being unable to