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STATE CONVENTION DEBATE

The Thirty-Second Article.

Mr. CARSON, of Burke, said, that he had been confined to his room for several days by indisposition, and fearing a return of his sickness, he would not submit a few remarks on the question under discussion...

apprised that this article is in the Constitution, and they would never agree to have it blotted out. Take it out, and the people will say that the Convention has usurped power, and wants to bring oppression on them and seize their liberties...

When we take into view the natural rights of man, are there no other rights as well as the rights of conscience? Where are the rights of persons and liberty? Do they not stand next to our duty to God? These hypothetical opinions, he said, formed excellent themes for declamation...

intention had been somewhat staggered by the arguments used in favor of the measure. Nor did he think the true merits of the question had yet been touched. It had been remarked by the gentleman from Orange, that the Convention must be careful how it approaches the article in question...

Should not this fact occur to us when we talk about disfranchising them? To him it appeared too plain a question to argue, that every man may worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. But it is a practical denial of its truth to debar a man from office...

the question is on striking it out. It was said that no man could deny the being of God. But if there were any such person, would the people of North Carolina be willing to admit him into any high office of the Government? Or would they admit any person to office who denied the coming of our Saviour and the doctrine which he taught?

(Debate to be continued.)

Van Burenism.—The jesuitical character of Mr. Van Buren is admirably bit off in the following toast, drunk in South Carolina on the 4th of July last:—

From the North River Times. Extraordinary circumstance and providential escape from death.—On Monday of last week, the hannis employed in the quarry of Mr. Harman Lydacker, situated under the high range of mountains below Slaughter's Landing, in this county, were alarmed by the cry of murder! proceeding from a female voice, but were totally unable to discover the source from whence it came.

Mr. M. said, in conclusion, he would not have troubled the Committee, but he did not wish any one to believe that he was disposed to skulk from responsibility. He was not vain enough to believe his opinions would have any weight in that body, but he must be allowed to say that he considered the decision of this question as involving the future character of North Carolina.

Monday, June 29.—Gen. SPEIGHT rose and said, if he knew his own heart, he felt no rancour against any Religious sect. He regretted that gentlemen who had spoken on this subject had thought it necessary to arraign the motives of the Protestants. He might have retaliated their charges, and shown that persecution had always been resorted to by the Catholics and that the Protestants had always acted on the defensive.

It would appear, he said, from the course of the debate, as if the Convention were about to deny the people the liberty of conscience. Are we, he asked, about to form any new article on this subject? Certainly not. On the contrary, we are called together to consider an article which has existed in our Constitution for more than half a century, to determine whether it shall be amended, and in what way.

It should be remembered, that the other day, the gentleman from Buncombe (Gov. Swain) had said, that the Protestants were not only at war with each other, but they had combined against the Roman Catholics. What evidence had the gentleman of this warlike spirit on the part of the Protestants? He called upon him to adduce the evidence on which he founded his opinions.

Gen. S. said it was unnecessary for him to go back to the time of the Revolution to shew the hostility of the Catholics to the Protestants. Yet, at this day it is asserted that the Protestants have combined to put down the Catholic Religion. He regretted that the 32d section had ever been admitted into the Constitution; but we find it there, and

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