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## STATE CONVENTION.

DEBATE the Thirty-Second Article.

physical prostration.

d him. The principal argument was necessary to effect the lause should not be stricken from to be so amended, as to a

he is to be made responsible for was deemed necessary.

Mr. COOPER said, he would be glad that those who wished this article

d attach himself to. Whence to be looked after.

ose of denouncing an Article so vote for the Convention.

stitution, and they would never agree Beach.

r. CARSON, of Burke, said, that called upon the other Delegates to do that the 32d article of the Constitution speed confined to his room for so tikewise. If the people find out was at present useless—it was a dead ral days by indisposition, and fear- that the provision is more hostile to the letter; but the time might come when return of his sickness, he would Roman Catholics than they imagined, it would be needed, and he trusted it himself of the present opportu- they can call another Convention-it would never be used until some great to submit a few remarks on the is not so much trouble-to amend it emergency should arise. This article ion under discussion - and they again. The people did not want to had been in existence nearly sixty d necessarily be few on account step between a man and his Creator, years without being called into exer-. C. said, that he had not antici- But they did not expect this Conven- part of the country could not be judgon his arrival here, that there tion to touch that Article, and he hoped ed of by persons at a distance; it was

in; in bute it: but the coarse would be no more words strack out of come. the debate had taken, had under this article of the Constitution than He to constitution, was, that in its prace Christians of every denomination, he operation it did no harm. But, was unwilling to strike out those parts ing the Constitution as it is. The peoose we permit it to remain where of it which prohibited Atheists and ple in his county were opposed to maand thus virtually re-enact it, will Infidels from having any thing to do king any great innovations on the old not like to hall not, Mrs Chairman, said Mr. ment. Considerable, excitement he thwart their views. He should fear into history to draw thence any said, existed in some parts of the counusions, but shall base myself on try, and fears were centertained that ed, the Constitution, as amended, reat fundamental right-I am the some mischief might arise from doing re of God, and to that God I am away this article. He hoped, therentable. Who can interpose be- fore, that some respect would be paid the amended Constitution, not to agree my conscience and its Almighty to public feeling, and that no more of to any amendment of minor imporor? If any man can convince me, the article would be struck out than tance which might induce the people

tability-then I may acqu'esce in of the Constitution to be amended or Religious tests. But until so con- expunged, could agree among themtheir object. He did not wish to see C. said he had heard some gen- a single word of it changed. He wishn say, in out-door conversation, ed to keep out of office all those which they felt themselves instructed to this section guarded against. He had against any alteration of this arti- been told by a person who heard a No man believed more implicitly Catholic say, that it made no differ-himself in the right of instruc- ence to him whether he swore on the when legitimately exercised. In New Testament or a Spelling Book! uctions and would obey them; but to be trusted. He said that there had

Catholics. If so, and there stitution, and propose to their discrebe any thing in the Constitution | tion several other matters for conside-State which gave him birth, and ration, amongst which was the amend-

ould prevent him from aspiring Constitution.

COOPER said, he could not whether any amendment was necessary rect information on the subject, in order to be made to this article, it would be der to rectify the erroneous impressions on the subject. Our good necessary to look at the Constitution. Constitution had been standing for than 50 years, without any interdeclares "that all men have a natural declares that a on—this article had been a dead and unalienable right to worship Aland there was no use now in mighty God according to the dictates of the reasons of gentlethe notions of gentlechange; the older they get, the go as far as any one to secure to every could hold the rights of conscience they get; but we ought certainly man this right. But when man enters more sacred than he did. He believed the article in question had been continued against any thing calculated into society, he has to surrender a porabarrass our liberties. He did not tion of his natural rights. What says sidered as a perfect nullity, and had but there was some as honest the Sist article of our Constitution? therefore done no real injury to any an Catholics as any other religion, "No clergiman or preacher of the Gos- one. Liberty of conscience has on all when he found one, he would pro- pel, of any denomination, shall be cahim and take him by the hand; pable of being a member of either the ble right. No Government can interin the protecting of this one, we Senate, House of Commons or Countake care we don't let in a thou- cil of State, while he continues in ex- Mr. C. said he made a distinction bedishonest ones. The Roman ercise of the pastoral function." We tween partial and complete toleration, Our fathers saw the necessity of perhaps better qualified than any other the what a Roman Catholic cluded. But Dr. S. denied that any and was afraid if they didn't put citizen had been debarred of his natu- Christian Religion; and whoever imthing of this sort in, they might ral rights by the 52d article. Who, pedes its progress, is considered as imfler have a harder struggle than he asked, had been denied office under bad insections. had just got out of.

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apprised that this article is in the Con- pied the highest seats on the Judicial intention had been somewhat staggered | Should not this fact occur to us when the question is on striking it out. It

their liberties. There were some hon-fin allyance. Subscribers in other States est men among the Catholics, but duty to God? These hypothetic opin-and be allowed to remain in arrears longer while we know the doctrine is a dan-tions, he said, formed excellent themes while we know the doctrine is a dan-gerous one, we ought to exclude them. for declamation. No scruple was made of the people are excited, and that the There was one member of this Con-which he taught? Or those who hold he strictly required to pay the whole and the year's subscribing in advance.

ariskness, not exceeding fifteen lines, order three times for one dollar, and twohad nothing to do with this question; the 34th section of the Constitution to we should decide it on principle, broad shew that every man is entitled to a free exercise of his religious opinions. ly admitted that no professing believer son, baptised, as it were, in the blood an oath from your officers that they of Christianity ought to be excluded of his father, is unworthy a seat in the will faithfully perform their duty, if was not one gentleman in a hundred and disorders of the French Revolution of the French Revoluti should vote himself to retain it, and Robespierre. It was true, he said,

aside as Sleeping Thunder, to be called up only when necessary to defeat some deep laid scheme of ambition .-He would prefer for this purpose keepmuch, if this 32d article was disturbwould not be ratified by the people. He therefore called on the friends of to reject the Constitution as amended. Governor SWAIN disliked to keep the Sleeping Thunder of this section, (as the gentleman from Orange termed t) to be used in some emergency hereed, I go for striking out the whole selves as to the manner of effecting after He did not like to leave it in the hands of men in power who might hereafter abuse it, by

"Dealing damnation around the land,

Governor BRANCH said, on hearing that the question on this 32d article would probably be taken to-day, he had come to the House, though intemporal matter he would receive He did not think that such men ought disposed, to give his vote upon it. rould permit no one to prescribe a been a great deal of blood shed about tion, considering the circumstances unof action for him in religious mat- Religion, and he was afraid, if this der which they acted, deserved great Religion, and he was afraid, if this section were expunged, there would be section were expunged, there would not set they did not care who knew it; but they did not go quite far enough; broad ground that man was alone responsible to his Creator for his Reliable to the beautiful of the was fairly be was fairl except such godly persons as he section were expunged, there would be credit for their labors. It was true choose to consult for spiritual more. He did not care how wise men that they did not go quite far enough; cation. No man should presume were, if they did not agree with the but under it our State had attained a ctate to him as to what Church he general opinion in religion, they ought high character both at home and abroad. one been instructed by his God, he occupied, in relation to the subject the article had been inoperative; but struct any delegate here? No under discussion, he found it necessa- this Convention having been expressly authority certainly, could con- ry to express his opinion upon it. It ly charged with the consideration of ach right. Of all the instructions was well known, that, for years past, the subject, it ought to be expunged fer heard of, Mr. C. said, this in- the amendment of the Constitution had from the instrument as being unwortion about Religious restrictions been a matter of discussion among the thy to remain in it. Our Constitution, people, especially in the Western part the believed, was the only one in the of the State. At the last session of Union which had retained in it any elf to any Church. He had his the General Assembly, certain amend-thing like religious persecution. If rences, arising however, more ments were proposed, and the people the whole of this section were stricken the influence of education, than were called upon to say whether a Con- out, he could not believe it would be religious feeling. It might be, vention should be called to frame and much regretted by any of our constitome day he should attach himself devise specific amendments to the Con- uents; but he had no desire to do more than was deemed necessary. He came here to co-operate with the friends of Reform in order to fix our Representahad in some degree honored him, ment of the 32d Article of the present tion on a fair and firm basis. He did not mean to enter at large into the question ice, he should indeed think it Whence, asked the Dr. did this sug- as to the preference which ought to be But he protested again and gestion arise? Who originated it? Did given in favor of one faith over anoth-against the right of any man to the people at large call for it? Was er. He wished to see Religious opinpose between him and his Maker, there any public meeting held upon the ions of every description free from all conclusion, Mr. C. said, if this subject, or any expression of the will restraint. He could not believe with the were retained in the Constitu- of the people upon it? No; it was the the gentleman from Orange that any in its present shape, he should voluntary act of some one. And when amendment which the Convention against its ratification, he did not he expressed his unwillingness to med- might deem it necessary to make in how beneficial the remaining pro- dle with this section, he spoke the this article, would produce any shock as were. More—if his voice sense of his constituents. It was with on the feelings of any considerable pordificulty, the people in his county tion of the people of this State. He sais, it would be raised for the could, on this account be brought to believed that if any improper excitement had been produced on the minds oming the spirit of the age in It is, said he, an agitating question; of the people, it would be necessary but as it became necessary to enquire only to communicate to them more cor-

hands been considered as an unaliena-

by the arguments used in favor of the we talk about disfranchising them?

be hazarded by meddling with it.

Mr. C. said he entertained a high respect for public opinion, but he should think that it would be general-

be any difference of opinion on it would not be done.

Subject. He thought the age we in, forbuild it: but the coarse in the debate had taken, bad under this article of the Constitution than the section to be laid imical to free the very body remembered gentlemen are desirous of striking. ing of this kind had ever been substan- it. then adverted to the persecutions establish Toleration in North Ameri- it. which the Catholics had undergone in ca-he was a Puritan. Charles Cardifferent parts of Europe, and especi- roll, of Carrollton, the man who stakally in Ireland.

calls aloud for more liberal opinions dividual, was a Catholic. As he rably bit off in the following toast, on the subject of Religious Liberty, stepped up to sign, some person redrunk in South Carolina on the 4th of He had hoped that the time had pass-marked, there goes two millions with Martin Fan Burga,—Who is there? Its marked,

king by the Catholics in the Valley of against him. It was not therefore the Mississippi and elsewhere, to the particular Religious notions, which spread their doctrines, is for the Pro- a man entertained, that made him a testants of all sects to become more good citizen or a good man.

ticle, as it now stood, could do no harm. Who can tell to what the spirit of proscription, on which it is based, may lead. A spark may fire the world. Events push each other along, and one passion but serves to enkindle another. So far as he was individually concerned, it mattered not what provisions were incorporated in the Constitution. His time had most come. But this Article was the only feature in the old Constitution which he had ever heard objected to, out of the State; and the objection was always coupled with an expression of surprise, that it could have got foothold in a State where the principles of Liberty were so well understood. There were times, when a man, if a true Patriot, must stake himself for the good of his country. The present was a crisis of that kind.

When our country was in distress, said Mr. M. in our Revolutionary struggle, we applied to Catholics for assistance, and it was generously ex-tended. Without foreign assistance, we never should have achieved our independence.

Mr. M. said a part of the Article self, at the water, at the animal and

must be careful how it approaches the bar a man from office, because he may person to office who denied the com country. Indeed, the despots of Eu brethren for opinion's sake? You stances of persecution against the rope would at all times keep him in might as well attempt to bind the air Protestants. check.

Mr. C. did not believe that Popery was changed. He believed it would unalienable birth-right. He never of the Catholic Church; but he desircontinue an unit, and, be the same. heard this great out-cry against Re- ed to debar all who denied the being

ed more by signing the Declaration The spirit of the age, said Mr. C. of Independence than any other ined for entertaining any fears from Popery in this country. The Bible Societies of England and America had done much in enlightening and liberating the public mind on the subject of Religion in all parts of the world.

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The only record was found in the dash of a pen! Another friend friend; Alerte so dark I cant see you! Where are you give in the dash of a pen! Another friend from the dash of a p The only proper mode of meeting a man so pure, that even sectarian the efforts which are said to be now ma-

tute an objection, in his opinion, why he he did not wish any one to believe that The unfortunate girl was yet able to

Monday, June 29. Gen. SPEIGHT rose and said, if Gen. SPEIGHT rose and said, if quainted with the passage of the he knew his own heart, he felt no mountains, it is supposed, she was rancour against any Religious sect. In the regretted that gentlemen who had spoken on this subject had thought the rock being nearly perpendicular, it necessary to arraign the motives of the Protestants. He might have by the slight shrubbery which projects retaliated their charges, and shewn from the side of the cliff, until, luckily that persecution had always been resorted to by the Catholics and that the Protestants had always acted on the Protestants had always acted on the Her situation here may be imagined. defensive. But this would be un-it-cannot be described; hanging by one pleasant, and he would therefore for-loot to a slender bush, and a yawning

tion 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 this subject? Certainly not, on this subject? Certainly not, on this subject? It is not at all probable that in five hundred thousand cases, one could have passed the cliff as she did, and not have been dashed

other day, the gentleman from Bun-combe (Gov. Swain) had said, that the humanity. lieve there ever was an Atheist, what-ever his nation or his color. It was impossible for any man to look at him-evidence had the gentleman of this evidence had the gentleman of this well were the Tory-caucus Party warlike spirit on the part of the Pro- drilled by their file leaders previous to vegetable kingdom, at the Sun, Moon testants? He called upon him to ad- going to the Pol's, that numbers actu-or Stars, without acknowledging the duce the evidence on which he found- ally refused to listen to one word of

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. There were some honratification of the Constitution would be hazarded by meddling with it. wanty murdered by the Tories in our the freedom and safety of the State? Revolutionary struggle—he begged pardon for the allusion, but it was here to admit of provisions of this history—and shall it be said, that his kind? Why, he asked, do you require

With the gentleman from Halifax Christian Religion was founded on Gen. S. went on to state what a Judge Daniel) he believed the Pope good will and peace to man. Exam-good Protestant believed, and then of Rome possessed no temporal pow- ine the Redeemer's sermon on the stated the articles of belief of the er, except over a small province of Mount-Is there any persecution Catholic Church, and shewed wherein Italy. He had therefore no fear of his there? And who made us greater they differed, quoting some authorities temporal power encroaching on this than HE, that we should proscribe our for this purpose and to exhibit in-

from the Article the word Protestant, tiated against them, and facts were the best evidence in their favor. Mr. C. Mr. M. said, was the first man to did not know that he should object to

(Debate to be continued.)

Van Burenism .- The jesuitical character of Mr. Van Buren is admi-

From the North River Times.

Extraordinary circumstance and

providential escape from death .- On Monday of last week, the hands employed in the quarry of Mr. Harman Lydacker, situated under the high united amongst themselves. By doing away all petty divisions and strifes, and exerting all their moral influence the Roman Catholics would overrun from a female voice, but were totally range of mountains below Slaughter's Landing, in this county, were alarmed by the cry of murder! proceeding in support of the great doctrines of the the country. They might do it, but unable to discover the source from Reformation, they would then have he did not think it was half as proba-Reformation, they would then have no the score of their ble, as that a mouse would kill a Buf-nothing to fear on the score of their ble, as that a mouse would kill a Buf-faloe! Let them come when they will, Edward, which was passing down the Mr. C. concluded with expressing and Mr. M. said, he would lay a wager river, saw something suspended at the Mr. C. concluded with expressing and Mr. M. said, ne would by a wage that the Protestants converted two, to that the Protestants converted two, to the Catholics one. As for himself, the Catholics one. As for himself, the was inclined to the Baptist Church, be was inclined to the Baptist Church, promptitude they immediately put Hindoo were to come among us, and was fully qualified to discharge the duties of any office to which he might aspire, of any office to which he might aspire, Mr. M. said in conclusion, he would with a rope, they hastened around to tute an objection, in his opinion, why he should be debarred. Who made man a judge, that he should presume to interfere in the sacred rights of conscience? He had always thought that a mixture of Politics and Religion was the very essence of hypocricy.

Mr. M. said, that some gentleman had avareased the opinion that this Arof his family, with a view of going to New York to see her friends. It would appear, he said, from the course of the debate, as if the Convention were about to deny the people the 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 which are entitled to the highest comwhich are entitled to the highest commendations for their promptitude and

existence of a GREAT FIRST CAUSE.

What gave rise to the first settlement in North Carolina? The persecutions in New England and Virginia.

Gen. S. said it was unnecessary for their eyes literally shut and their ears stopped with their fingers!!

Alas for the degenerate offspring of a great man, was settled by the Puritans of the Protestants. Yet, those noble sires who dared to make a public declaration of their destestation of, and determination to free themselves never had any intercharse until