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men as well from counties as towns. He instances Gov. Caswell from the small county of Lenoir, who, he said, was certainly one of the most powerful men that ever lived in this or any other county. Mr. Drake said, that agreeable to the Rules for the delivery of deliberative bodies, he had a right to modify his amendment now under discussion. The motion of the gentleman from Orange, (Dr. Smith) had for its object to demolish Borough representation altogether. His amendment excepted the towns of Newbern, Wilmington, and Fayetteville. He now moved a modification of that motion so as to exclude in computing the federal population of a county, containing a thorough entitled to representation, the citizens of such Borough.

our nature brought into active exercise by them? We have not heard that corruption of the basest kind was frequently practised to carry a doubtful contest. He knew these things and how the whole system worked. Every man is known as he is calling and necessities. His weak side is sought out, that he may be successfully approached. Sir, (to the Chair) you know all these things. Have you not witnessed at the elections in your Borough, scenes of the most violent character, which not unfrequently terminated in bloodshed? Have you not seen men pressed for their debts, in order to drive them to pursue a course in direct opposition to their convictions of right? Have you not, sir, like myself, seen the Elective franchise abused in every variety of form? The assertion of the celebrated British Minister, Walpole, that every man has his price, seems to be the governing spring of action in these Borough contests—not always in money, sir; No, no, the considerations are various. I have seen in these contests, the family arranged against family, carried to the extremes of bitterness. I have seen neighbors separated and estranged and social intercourse destroyed, -yes, sir, even has this pestiferous influence penetrated the Church and disturbed its harmony and brotherhood. This is not the case in counties, and why? The sphere of action is enlarged—the limits within which the candidate operates, are not so circumscribed and he must contest the election on broader grounds.

were honest, and would always do what was right. In Wilmington, the same gentlemen had represented town and county, and this had been the case elsewhere. It was not aware that Wilmington had ever been represented by a mere Merchant; and as to any jealousy which existed, both sides were equally to blame. County gentlemen were not always kind and well disposed to the interests of the town—nor were they each strove for advantage, and thus, little matters produce considerable difficulties.

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THE REGISTER. TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1836. STATE CONVENTION. Our columns are filled, to the exclusion of almost every thing else, with the proceedings of the Convention, than which, we presume, we could give nothing more acceptable to our readers. But though we use a small type, and condense as much as possible, we are unable to keep up with the Debate which has taken place. We will endeavor, however, next week, to bring it up, if practicable. It will be seen that the question of Borough Representation has been pretty extensively discussed, but no decision has been had. Should a result favorable to the interest of certain Boroughs ensue, it will be justly attributable to the zeal and ability with which that interest has been supported.

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