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STATE CONVENTION.

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House of Commons-

locate the residue. The phraseology of the principle so vehemently inveighed a sent. or districts, or both. On no question can remedy this grievance, what have we against the larger ones. to the habits of our people, and which, in discretion of this body, so to frame its under consideration.

cussion. about the symmetry of the pro- strength to the strong, power to the migh- ly voted with the West. Whether in so he knew nothing of these sectional differ- the West, or hold out improper induce- jealous of the latter, and the latter by no posed Acticle of amendment. He begged ty, and would shear the weak. 50 and 120. If indeed it had been intend- | condition than North-Carolina, the evi- stitutional expression of opinion. Tect liberty to adopt it.

had been told that the sectional strife ori- our coast, is attended with hazard.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1835.

ties of Orange and Rockingham, if 6,000 these immense bodies of land are kept in any blockading squadron that may the Senate, and federal numbers in the agree to give to the East a Borough memof federal numbers be agreed upon as the the market, it is impossible to check the be sent against it. Thus had nature and Commons. The tabular statements, with her from each of the towns of Edenton,

members with a surplus of \$,000, and ulating the State.

Camden, Pasquotank, Currituck, Chow- members, and to the West 54 members : and luxuries of life, in consequence of tuted of fifty members.

its operation, would work the least injus- amendments as to prevent collision and Mr. B. said he had been sent here from With these preliminary remarks, he carried home by each member, infused States, as to the basis of representation. heart-burning? If this plan was adopted. an extreme Eastern county, whose repre- would turn his attention to the subject into the people, and felt at the Polls .- in the House of Representatives -- there A good deal had been said in this dis- as he remarked before, it would give sentatives in the Legislature had general- under debate. He would premise, that He did not say this with a view tomenace were small and large States—the former doing they had truly represented the ences, of which so much had been said, ments to the East; but simply because means disposed that the small States leave to state one fact. When the bill, Much had been said in this body, and views and feelings of the people of Carte- and was ignorant where the line of demar. he wanted that ideal sectional line oblite- should be permitted to enjoy an equality which was the foundation of this assembly, much would be said in the next Legisla- ret, it was not for him to say-that was cation between the East and West com- rated, which as effectually destroyed a of power. The effect of this produced a was before the Legislature last session, it ture, about the defects of the old system the adoption of a course of conduct, for menced-he did not know where the Ru- community of feeling between the East compromise, and resulted in the districame from the House of Commons to the of representation. If a stranger had the wilfully erroneous exercise of which, bicon run. He regretted that it had and West, as if a Chinese wall separated bution of power, as laid down in the se-Senate with a range of numbers from 90 been present yesterday, and listened to they were responsible to the people in been introduced into this Convention, them. There should be no concealment cond and third articles of the Constituto 107. As is now customary, the members the discussion which took place, he would their sovereign capacity; neither did it like an apple of discord, to put to flight of our views and policy in regard to this tion, which Mr. B. explained and comwere in the habit of discussing these mat- have taken up the idea that North-Car- become him to question the purity of their our unanimity of council he would ban- important matter, but we should disclose mented on. He remarked that here, if ters in their rooms. To the surprise of olina was the poorest, most degraded State motives, for he believed they were influ- ish it forever, and meet on this floor as them with the spirit of frankness and can- we shall ever agree upon an amended. the Eastern gentlemen, next morning, they in the Union. The gentleman from enced by feelings of patriotism and a de- brethren, and would cheerfully join with dor. He had given to the subject of re- Constitution under this Act, we must make found for the first time, that there was a Wilkes, (Gen. Wellborn.) it seems, sire to promote the general welfare. It the West, in the adoption of such mea- presentation in the Commons, a strict and a compromise. The East is compelled defection in their ranks. The gentlemen sometimes goes abroad-perhaps to the was sufficient that they had materially sures as might tend to elevate the charac-diligent investigation, and he was sorry under this Act, to surrender her power who went over, did so, on condition that great State of Tennessee—the State where aided the West in bringing about this ter of the State. He proffered his aid - to find, that if any number between nine- upon any apportion ment of representation the number 120 should be inserted as the such evidences of public improvements compromise. Whether the great body of his honest aid-to do this, whether the ty and one hundred and twenty, were as- the West contains a much larger fedemaximum and 90 as the minimum. This are to be seen-fine roads and flourish- his constituents were in favor of a Reform proposition came from the East or the sumed as the basis of representation, his ral population, and in yielding to this nenumber therefore did not come from an ing canals-and when he gets across the of the Constitution, or not, was a very West. He dissented from the proposition own county (Carteret) could in no event cessity, he was not disposed to produce original advocate of the bill, but from an line, he is almost ashamed to tell where he different question -he believed that they as laid down by the venerable President be entitled to more than one representa- an unnecessary excitement, or to array opponent. He had vet to learn from what came from. He had never himself been were decidedly opposed to it-but a majo- (Mr. Macon) that there was no necessity live, its federal population amounting on- one portion of the House against the others order of Architecture gentlemen derived to Tennessee-never enjoyed that exqui- rity of those who voted in the State, had for concession of opinion, and that there. Ity to five thousand nine hundred and fifty. for their notions of symmetry, who could per- site pleasure-but he had been to Virgin- decided for a Convention, and they had by a part of that which was correct might nine. If the number ninety is assumed, ours are the plans of fair delightful peace

ed by the Legislature that the members dences of it are to be discovered. Range He wished to say a few words in regard compromise and concession. A spirit of title a county to a representative; if the course and policy which he conscientiof the Convention were to be bound to through any of the adjoining States, and to our Coast, which had been so frequent- concession was indispensable here, and number one hundred, should be adopted, ously believed would, so far as the Act certain numbers, they would have said in if gentlemen are to be believed, North ly mentioned in this discussion, and about although sometimes, there might be a the ratio will be seven thousand five hun- gave him power, and he was bound to express language, if the number 50 be Carolina possesses as much Commerce, which the Convention seemed to be in concession of right, unfortunately, in mat- dred and sixty-seven, to give to a county obey that by his oath, promote the honor taken as the basis of the Senate, then 120 and the general face of the country is as the possession of so little information. The ters of opinion, there was no tribunal to a representative; and if the Convention and we fare of his constituents. He disshall be taken for the House of Commons. prosperous as that of her neighbors. In venerable gentleman from Warren (Mr. determine between right and wrong. If should resolve that the House of Commons dained to be governed by the little low He would ask, then, where was the ob- some favored sections of Virginia, per- Macon) had expressed the opinion, that respectable authority was to be relied on, should be constituted of one hundred and prejudices and animosities which were the ligation to conform to these numbers, haps, she excels North-Carolina, but take in consequence of Cape Hatteras, Cape our present State Constitution, as well twenty members, that number will require offspring of ignorance and stupidity. He when it was expressly stated that the the whole face of the State, and the general character of as that of the Federal Government, were a federal population of five thousand three thanked the Committee for their patient power of agreeing upon any particular riority is ours. If North-Carolina had our Seaboard, it was dangerous to ap- obtained by concession and compromise. hundred and ninety-nine, to entitle a attention, and in conclusion, hoped that numbers was discretional? There was a declined however, it was perfectly obvi- proach our Coast, and that we had no If we refer to the origin of all Govern- county to a representative in that body, we should all go hand and heart for .. Our direct variance between the words of the ous that it did not spring from any de- Port whence our great agricultural pro- ments-to a State of nature-we shall and this latter number will leave an ex- country, our whole country, and nothing Act of Assembly and the position new fects in our system of government, but ductions could be shipped immediately to behold the strong yielding up a portion of cess in the county of Cartere after de- but our country." assumed, and, according to his construct resulted from our local situation. We foreign countries, and that we had no his power and natural rights - submitting ducting one representative, of five hun- Gen. Wellborn thought that if 120 were tion of that instrument, if any other num- have no sea-port to concentrate our wealth hope from that source. Mr. B. said, the to be bound by the same ligaments, and dred and sixty votes. This excess would agreed upon as the number of the House ber could be agreed on, calculated, in the and enterprize -no large city to give very great respect and authority, which acknowledging the same authority with give to his county a right to vote for a of Commons, it would make but fittle estimation of members, to produce a great- tone to the State. Much has been said opinions emanating from so high a source the weak, in order that he may enjoy the district member, and he thought, under difference in a joint ballot of both House er amount of benefit, they were at per- here about our Inlets; but no one can carried with them throughout the State, beneficial influences of society and the these circumstances, if he did not com- et. The Governor it was probable the believe, that if we had the best inlet in compelled him to hazard a correction of wholesome exercise of salutary and hap promise the great interests of the East, Convention would decide shall be elec-The antiquity of this sectional bicker- the world, that we could, in the present the errors into which that gentleman had py laws. We must either resolve socie- that he should give his preference for that ted by the people; and the General Asing had been enquired into, for what rea- state of things, build up a large Commer- been manifestly and unintentionally led. it into its original elements, and regulate number. This he did, learless of the con- sembly may pass an act for choosing Senson he was at a loss to perceive. We cial town. No sir, the very approach to He resided at Beaufort, a town which for every thing by brute force, or we must sequences, as he knew that he should be ators for the U. States, by a concurrent ginated in 1746, and had continued ever In answer to the gentleman from of its harbor, and the excellence of its in- plan under consideration as one of com. Mr. B. said he had given his serious ed by the gentleman from Buncombe, and since. Why then was the Convention Wilkes, who thought that if a Rail Road let, was not surpassed by any South of promise. Each count, whatever its po- attention to a calculation made by a dis- no serious contest could reasonably be called in 1776? Was it not to settle the were constructed from the sea-board to the Chesapeake. Old Topsail Inlet, which pulation might be, was to have a member, tinguished member of this House (Mr. expected for the other officers elected by the subject, which had been mentioned, construct Rail Roads, Cauals, &c. to importance was this port deemed by the ded on the harmonious action of this bo- mind as to the truth of his results, before ing it into effect.

luggged into this debate, and under a ne ungenerous feelings, and presented an distribution of this inequality of power. greater difficulties arise, than how to dis- gained by agitating the elements, if the Mr. Bryan remarked, that it was with misconception too of the true situation of array of talent, surpassing any previous and much of that difficulty was removed tribute this excess. Various projets have same inequality is still to exist-not in much reluctance that he rose to obtrude his own county and town, he felt it a du- assemblage ever convened in North-Ca- by a plan formed by Judge Tucker, and been originated and doubtless have been the East or the West, but in every por- himself upon the attention of the Commit. ty he owed to his constituents, to impart roling. He felt no disposition to lash the to which he begged leave to call the atextensively discussed, out of doors as well tion of the State? Will not such injus- tee, but matters had been introduced into correct information on the subject, and ocean into a tempest, .. to waft a feather tention of the Committee. [Here Mr. B. as in this body, but the truth is, no plan tice excite the indignation of that portion this discussion, in which his constituents that in case the sceptre of power should or to drown a fly"-to excite one portion read from Tucker's Blackstone, and comcan be started which is free of difficulty. of the community which is oppressed? were intimately & deeply concerned, and depart from the East, and go to the West, of the community against the other, to mented at length upon the system of the The object of every one was to produce Pasquotank, because possessing a little he therefore felt himself bound to make a his brethren in that quarter might know bring about results which he deprecated distribution of powers, arising from the the best system of legislation for North- greater extent of of territory, is to be a few remarks. In doing so, he should be to what point in our State to carry into from the bottom of his heart. If the un- excess of population above the ratio con-Carolina. We should therefore examine birth-right county, and is to be favored brief, and with a single exception, should operation their enlarged and liberal views pleasant feelings which these differences tained in counties. Mr. B. remarked

ceive such beautiful proportion between ia, and if that State is in a more thriving acquiesced in the propriety of this Con- be lost; this in the abstract was true, but it will require a federal population of six | Unwarped by party rage to live lke brothers." but all Government was the offspring of thousand six hundred and thirteen to en- He should pursue with firmness that the salubrity of its atmosphere, the beauty make concession. Mr. B. aliuded to the sustained therein by his constituents.

grievances complained of in 1746? Why the West, that the mountains would be is the means of access from the Ocean to although the number of its inhabitants Gaston) which had assumed as its basis joint vote of the Legislature. The West then was this ancient matter introduced? converted into rich fields and blooming the harbor, affords an uniform depth of might not equal the ratio agreed upon .- the numbers fifty, and one mindred and had not complained on this score. There We have been told, sir, again & again, gardens, he would tell him that he would water of from twenty to twenty two and He totally disagreed with the gentleman twenty. Here Mr. B. went into a long was no possibility of making the Eastern that the true form of Government is re- be sorely disappointed in his calculations. a half feet, and opens to merchantmen of last up, in his notion of taking the excess, and detailed statement and examination of and Western interests precisely equal. presentation of property in the Senate But he was really obliged to the gentle- the largest class a bay of sufficient capa- for portion of the excess, of a large coun- the plan, shewing its practical operation and if it were ever effected, it would be and of persons in the House of Commons. man for showing his hand. It turns out city and depth, where one thousand Ships ty, and giving it to the county deficient in upon the East and West, and the correct- liable to constant change. Great liberal-Had this arrangement prevailed hitherto, now, that the West want the power in heavily laden, may be safely anchored and number, in order to make it amount to ness of the data upon which it was found- ity and spirit of concession had governed under our old Constitution ? If not, what their hands, not because Lincoln, Orange, handsomely landlocked, in perfect secu- the agreed number—this construction was ed.] The prudent caution and remarka- the agreement made at the last Legislais to be gained now by changing the sys- &c. were unequally represented in the rily from the influence of storms. Super- a violation of the act. He believed that ble correctness of that gentleman, in ar- ture, and he trusted the same spirit would tem? He had heard of a proposition on Legislature, but because they want to added to this, remarked Mr. B. of so much the future tranquility of the State depen- riving at conclusions and satisfying his prevail on the present occasion in carry-

the strong and diminish the energies of if they had an outlet? Very little sir, the perfect security which it afforded to might, and the East would object to it .- weigh much with this louse. This cal- of Commons; but 100 was too small to the weak. It was in substance this : for nine-tenths of their land is exhaust- our privateers, mercantile marine, &c ; Like the unsanctified ministrations of culation will give to the West a majority do justice to the West. He was efemine.

Taking it for granted that 120 would be ed, and not worth cultivation, contrast that after that event, its attention was the idolatrous sons of Aaron." it would of from six to eight, and if from that latadopted for the House of Commons, each ed with hundreds and thousands of acres turned to its improvement and fortifica- light up the torch of discord throughout ter number we deduct the majority of four county will be entitled, of course, to one annually brought into market in the tion; and that even now, a Fort of the the State. Concession therefore must which the East will have in the Senate, member, and when any county has an south-western States. None complain second class, upon which had been ex take place on every side, if we were anx- the result will be, that upon joint ballote excess, it is to be transferred to any ad- so much of the want of a market, he be- pended upwards of half a million of dol- lous to bring this much vexed question the West will have a majority of four. THREE DOLLARS per annum-one half in advance joining county which has a larger surplus, lieved, as those who have little or nothing lars, commands the entrance of the har- to a peaceful and happy termination. The He was for producing an equalization of Those who do not, either at the time of subscribing to entitle it, if practicable, to an addi- to carry to it. Gain is the principle which bor, that will be enabled to bring one basis of Representation, as laid down in power, and should give to this plan his or subsequently, give notice of their wish to have tional member. For instance: the coun- prompts men to action, and so long as hundred pieces of artillery to bear upon the Act, is taxation in the formation of hearty concurrence, if the West would ratio, would be entitled, the first to 3 rapid tide of emigration which is depop- art both combined to give it importance which we have been supplied by the au- Newbern and Wilmington. This adjustand security. There is no county in the thority of this Convention, clearly de ment of the political scales, would leave the last to 2 members, with an excess of He too, had a plan for settling this State whose resources are so little known. monstrate that the East will have the the balance of power in a fluctuating con-2,500. But in point of practice, how question, though it did not originate with and whose importance is so little appre- power in the Senate-her rich lands, her dition, and they might be caused to prewould this rule work? Why Orange, ha- him. Appropriate, as the Act requires, ciated as Carteret. Its reputation of be- slaves, her store tax, &c. are sources of ponderate, on the one side or the other, proportion. If the number of insertions be not ving the largest excess, would take the one member to each county; then supmarked on them, they will be continued until ar- surplus of Rockingham, and thus be en- pose we adopt 100 as the number of mem- nal resources, but from the fact, that the mount of taxation paid in by her, to such nesty and integrity might dictate. He titled to 4 members, whilst Rockingham bers in the House of Communs, it will ocean, its rivers and the sounds, would, an excess above that of the West, as will said that there was another branch of the would have but 2. Again, in the Eden- be found that the ratio is between 5 and with the exercise of but little industry, entitle her to a majority of four in that proposition, which is said to emanate from ton District, composed of the counties of 6,000, which will give to the East 46 yield a bountiful supply of the delicacies body, if the Senatorial branch is constituted is distinguished gentleman, to which,

an, Gates and Perquimons, a similar re- Under this plan, there were but three which, there was not that persevering la- A greater difficulty however occurs in he must beg, with due deference, to dissult is produced. Camden has a surplus Eastern counties which would be entitled bor necessary for the acquisition of great the formation of the House of Commons. sent. He could not consent to take the of 700; Pasquotank 1.500; Currituck to two members, viz: Wake, Granville, wealth. Carteret possessed within its Any number between ninety and one hun- excesses of federal population from those The Convention having resolved itself 900; Chowan 500; Gates 600; Perqui- and Halifax. The advantage of the plan confines a body of land, not surpassed in dred and twenty, the two extremes as counties containing the smallest excesses, into a Committee of the Whole, on the mons 400; Here the effect would be to is, that, after having appropriated the fertility by any in this Union. He had specified in the Act, will give the prepon- and give them to those counties contain-Articles reported by the General Commit- give Pasquotank two members—thus al- members agreeably to the ratio agreed heard this from the United States' Engi. d. rance to the West, and the East will ing the largest excesses, and thereby entee, in relation to the number of Members lowing her the whole weight of all the on, the several excesses are to be thrown neers, from distinguished Members on have at last to depend upon the magnani- able the largest counties, to send to the in each House; and the question pending excesses of the other counties -so that one into a common mass, and the State is to this floor, and from substantial Farmers mity of the West -a magnanimity which General Assembly the representatives of being on Gen. Speight's motion to strike individual in Pasquotank will have near- be divided into 20 districts, each of which at home. This county, in our Revoluti- he had not the right, nor did he feel dis- those excesses. This would work gross out 120, as the number to constitute the ly twice the weight in the Legislature that is to send a member. Of these districts, onary struggle, contributed much aid and posed to question. The Act of Assembly and manifest prejudice to the small counone in Gates or Chowan has; he would 12 will be in the West, and 8 in the East. support in the achievement of our Inde. was the chart by which they had to sail, ties, and he believed was a violation of the Mr. Wilson, of Perquimons, said, there say nothing of the small county of Perquim- so that the West will have its fair por- pendence, and during our late war, fur. and as he had just remarked, adopt what letter and spirit of the Act. [Here Mr. was onegreat difficulty to be encountered ons which he represented. If he understood tion, whilst the East will get that to which nished many brave and gallant seamen. number they chose within the range of B, commented at large upon the construcin the adjustment of this question of Re- the nature of this controversy between it is entitled. In this way too, we shall all A late survey demonstrated the practica- their powers, and the West would have then to be given to the Act.] He would presentation, which might as well be met the East and West correctly, the con- get rid of the rivalry, inequality, jealousy bility of uniting the waters of Neuse Ri- a majority. He read two letters to the suggest to the Committee a plan, which at once. It could not be got round, and stant burthen of their song had been, that and heart-burning. which will otherwise ver with Beaufort Harbor -- an event which Convention, written by Gov. Johnston, seemed to him to obviate these difficulties he saw no benefit which was to result from population was not equally represented ensue. He had heard it said, though he would make the port of Beaufort equal to during the sitting of the Convention of and inequalities. Let the gross amount delaying an examination of it. This dif - that Pasquotank had twice as much did not subscribe to the doctrine, that any in the Southern States. If then the 1776, from the deliberations of which, Mr. of all the excesses to which each county ficulty is what to do with the surplus num- weight as Burke, &c. Now was this a the further a Representative was remo- resources of the West and East are so B. said, he was excluded, notwithstand- is entitled, after deducting the number bers, after apportioning one to each coun- grievance or was it not? If it was a ved from the people, the better be serves great as had been described on this floor, ing his acknowledged worth and talents, of representatives which the established ty. So far as the arranging of 65 mem- grievance then, is it not one now? What their true interests. These Districts they were not hermetically sealed with- on account of his aristocratic notions .- data may give them, be ascertained, and bers goes, the task is simple enough; but has transpired since January last, to di- therefore will afford members of a nuch in the narrow limits of North-Carolina- [These letters speak in terms not very then divide the State into districts, com. the Herculean labor is to appropriate and minish its objectionable features, or alter bigher grade of talent than those usually from this port, they could procure access complimentary of the general character posed of those counties that contain exto all parts of the world. He appealed of that Convention. This Convention, cesses, and let each county vote for the the Act of Assembly is different as res- gainst by Western gentlemen? He for Mr. W. concluded by stating, that to the gentleman from Buncombe (Gov. he said, was composed of very different district member or members. His own rects its application to the Senate and one, as a citizen of North Carolina, would his object had been to show that the same | Swain) who had recently visited Beaufort, materials from that described in the let- county, and every small county, would House of Commons. In the Senate, the say, that he was unwilling to deprive any inequality which is now complained of, if in all his travels he had ever before seen ters he had just read. The members of not thereby lose the power and influence excess of taxation is to be carried to the portion of free men. of the right of repre- would still continue to exist; and he ex- a harbor of such capacity, so beautifully this body had been selected by the unso- which its excess would thus entitle it to. adjoining counties to make a convenient sentation, whether they were in the East pressed his determination never to vote landlocked, and so secure from the effects licited suffrages of their constituents. A difficulty of precisely the same nature district : in the House of Commons the or the West, the North or the South. for a system, the inevitable effect of which of storms. These remarks he knew were without the slightest regard to their poli- and character, was suggested by Mr. Jefexcess is to be appropriated to counties If the great object of the West was to would be, to array the smaller counties beside the question, but as they had been tical opinions—they had assembled with ferson, in his Notes on Verginia, as to the well. and take that plan most congenial with a monopoly. Is it not within the confine himself to the immediate subject of policy with regard to Internal Improve engendered, were to terminate here, it that the same difficulties arose in the for-

plausible on the face of it, but the direct give them an outlet to the ocean. But General Government, during the last war, dy. The basis mentioned, would not, he gives to them the sanction and autholudge Daniel said, he thought 120 too
effect of which would be to strengthen what benefit would accrue to the West, in consequence of its easy access, and he was certain, be satisfactory. The West rity of his opinions and character, will large a number to fix upon for the House

as the representative of a small county.

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would not be so bad; but they would be mation of the Constitution of the United

vote of the Houses, as had been suggest-

Judge Daniel said, he thought 120 too