

Communications.

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Pursuant to previous notice, a meeting of the citizens of Tarborough and its vicinity, said to be the largest political meeting ever held in this place, assembled at the Court House on Monday, 31st March, for the purpose of uniting in a public expression of opinion, in relation to the great questions that now agitate the country. On motion, **Turner Bynum**, Esq. was called to the Chair, and **Charles G. Hunter** and **George Howard** appointed Secretaries. The object of the meeting having been briefly stated, it was moved and seconded that a committee of five persons be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting. **John W. Potts**, **Phesanton Sugg**, **James Biggs**, **Benjamin Sharp** and **Daniel Hopkins** were appointed by the Chairman to constitute said committee, who after having retired for a short time returned, when the following resolutions were submitted to the meeting by **John W. Potts** in behalf of the committee, accompanied by preliminary and explanatory remarks:—

1. *Resolved*, that under the Constitution of the United States the executive authority of the Government is vested in the President, whose duty it is to see that the laws are faithfully executed; and that the responsibility which the Constitution has devolved upon the chief executive officer of the Government, can only be secured by giving to him the ultimate supervision and control of the several subordinate departments between which the executive duties have been divided. The President, therefore, in removing **William J. Duane** from the office of Secretary of the Treasury exercised a right secured to him by the Constitution.

2. *Resolved*, that the Secretary of the Treasury in directing a removal of the public deposits from the Bank of the United States, did not violate any right of the Bank or commit any breach of the public faith: but acted within the line of his duty, and in accordance with the powers reserved to him in the act incorporating the Bank.

3. *Resolved*, that the distresses which are now said to afflict the commercial cities cannot legitimately be ascribed to the removal of the public deposits from the Bank of the United States; and that their restoration would go far to strengthen an institution which in the opinion of this meeting is subversive of the Constitution, destructive of the rights of the States, and hostile to the genius of our confederated system.

4. *Resolved*, that apart from the constitutional objections, which in the opinion of this meeting are insuperable, that institution has so perverted its original design by interfering in elections—and directing its business with a view to coerce the constituted authorities of the country into its measures, that to extend its corporate existence would be, to compromise the honor, the dignity and the character of the American people.

5. *Resolved*, that while it is the right no less than the duty of the Representative, in the absence of direct instructions from the constituent body, to act upon a sound and an enlightened discretion, still we feel authorized in saying that the opposition of the Hon. **Willie P. Mangum** to the measures of the Administration, has been marked by a captiousness and an asperity which we are bound in candor to condemn.

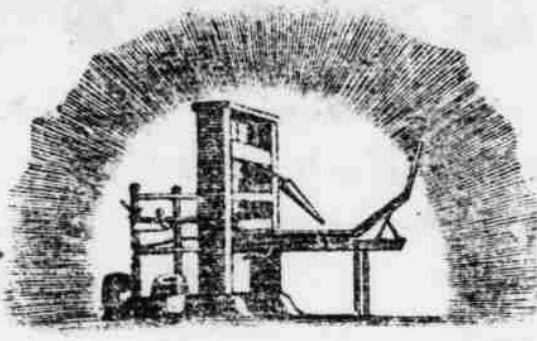
6. *Resolved*, that we approve the course of the Hon. **Bedford Brown** of the Senate, and of our immediate representative the Hon. **Thomas H. Hall**, and that copies of these resolutions be forwarded by the Chairman to each of the above named gentlemen, with a request that they be laid before the bodies of which they are respectively members.

After the resolutions had been read, and enquiry having been made by **Richard Hines**, Esq. whether views adverse to the resolutions would be heard, **John W. Potts** and **Francis L. Dancy** assenting thereto, the meeting was addressed at length by him. **Francis L. Dancy**, Esq. followed in reply and sustained the resolutions as reported. After the conclusion of the argument, the resolutions having been again read, were adopted by the meeting with but one dissenting voice.

On motion it was resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretaries and published in the Tarborough Free Press, Raleigh Register and Washington Globe.

Resolved, further, that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Chairman and Secretaries, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Turner Bynum, Chairman.
C. G. Hunter, } Secretaries.
Geo. Howard, }



TARBOROUGH:

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1834.

We are authorised to announce **WILLIAM D. PERWAY** as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of this county.

We invite attention to the proceedings of a public meeting, held in this place on Monday last, which will be found in the preceding column. We are confidently assured that it expressed the nearly unanimous sentiments of what has been always regarded as the republican party in this county.

A public meeting was held at Washington, in this State, on the 11th ult. at which **Col. Joshua Taylor** was called to the Chair and **John Myers** and **Wm. Ellison** were appointed Secretaries. A committee was appointed, consisting of **Geo. Houston**, **James Ellison**, **Daniel C. Freeman**, **Samuel C. Fisher**, **Thomas H. Demill**, **John Norcom**, and **Samuel Masters**, who reported resolutions, which were adopted without a dissenting voice, ascribing the present embarrassment and distress to the unconstitutional interference of the President with the currency of the country—approving the course of Senator **Mangum** and **Wm. J. Duane**, &c.

A meeting of the citizens of Tyrrell county, was held during the late term of the Superior Court of that county, at which **Gen. Daniel N. Bateman** was appointed Chairman and **Joseph Halsey**, Esq. Secretary. Resolutions similar to the above were adopted, and a committee appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress.

Similar meetings have been recently held also, in other parts of the State.

An inquest was held in this county, on Friday last, on the body of **Joshua Sussnett**, found that morning in his brother **Zachariah's** mill dam. The verdict of the Jury was, that he came to his death by drowning, having fallen from the pier head of the dam in attempting to cross it the preceding evening. The deceased was naturally an infirm man—on the day of his death he attended a sale in the neighborhood, which he left in a state of intoxication which no doubt heightened his natural infirmity and was the immediate cause of his death, as the water was not of great depth where he was found. He has left a wife and several children to mourn his untimely fate.

We learn that the Scarlet Fever, in an aggravated form, is prevailing to such an extent on Cokey creek, in this county, as almost to resemble an epidemic. The families of **Col. Benj. Wilkinson**, **Edward Griffin**, and others, have suffered and are suffering severely. The disease having once entered a dwelling, scarcely an inmate escapes an attack, and deaths frequently occur.

We are informed that a few days since **Mr. Richard Harris**, of Pitt county, had one of his hands so shockingly mangled by the unexpected discharge of a pistol which he was loading, as to render amputation necessary.

We have been favored with a pamphlet copy of the "Proceedings of a meeting of Members of the Legislature, held in Raleigh, January 11, 1834; with an Address to the people of North Carolina, on the subject of amending the Constitution of the State." It was printed by **J. Gales & Son**, and occupies 20 closely printed octavo pages—its extreme length precludes its introduction into our columns; but it can be seen on application at this office.

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Franking Privilege.—We have seen a package weighing one and a half pounds which was conveyed by mail to this place under the frank of **W. S. Franklin**, **Clk. H. R.** The said package was not marked "Public Documents," nor is it at all probable that it contained public documents. By what latitudinarian construction is it, that certain officers make the mail a means of transportation of their goods and chattels as well as the goods and chattels of their friends?—These things are not right and should with all other abuses and irregularities of the Post Office Department be corrected.

CONGRESS.

Senate.—On Monday, the 24th ult. after the presentation of several memori-

als relative to the deposite question, the Chair communicated a letter from **Lieutenant Levy**, of the U. S. Navy, requesting Congress to accept of a bronze statue of **Mr. Jefferson**, executed under his direction by a celebrated French artist; the letter was referred to the committee on the Library. **Mr. Benton** concluded his remarks in opposition to the bill to extend the charter of the Bank, when **Mr. White** of Tennessee took the floor, but had not concluded when the Senate adjourned.

On Tuesday, the 25th, **Mr. Mangum** presented a memorial from the citizens of **Wilkesboro'**, in the western part of N. C. and, also, one from citizens of the county of **Halifax**, in the eastern part. **Mr. Clay** noticed the perilous condition of the Union Bank of Baltimore, selected to receive and keep the public deposits; and offered a resolution for inquiry on the subject. **Mr. White** concluded his remarks on the Bank bill; when, on the motion of **Mr. Webster**, it was laid on the table until the first Monday in May.

On Wednesday, the 26th, after the presentation of several memorials, **Mr. Wright** spoke on **Mr. Clay's** first resolution, and when he had concluded, **Mr. Clay**, after inquiring whether any other gentleman wished to speak, moved to adjourn, and expressed his design to endeavor to close the debate the following day.

On Thursday, the 27th, several memorials and resolutions were presented, all of them complaining of the removal of the deposits, &c. **Mr. Clay** spoke on the special order, the removal of the deposits; but before he had concluded, the Senate adjourned.

On Friday, the 28th, **Mr. Clay** concluded his remarks on his two resolutions in regard to the removal of the deposits. The question was then taken, and the resolution declaring the reasons assigned by the Secretary of the Treasury for the removal unsatisfactory and insufficient, passed by a vote of 23 to 13—and the other, declaring that the President, in the late Executive proceedings in relation to the public revenue, has assumed upon himself authority and power not conferred by the Constitution and laws, but in derogation of both, passed by a vote of 26 to 20—**Messrs. Hendricks** and **King** of Ga. voting with the minority on the latter resolution. The yeas and nays on the first resolution were as follows:

YEAS—**Messrs. Bibb**, **Black**, **Calhoun**, **Clay**, **Clayton**, **Ewing**, **Frelighuysen**, **Hendricks**, **Kent**, **King**, **G. Knight**, **Leigh**, **Mangum**, **Naudain**, **Poindexter**, **Porter**, **Prentiss**, **Preston**, **Robbins**, **Silsbee**, **Smith**, **Southard**, **Sprague**, **Swift**, **Tomlinson**, **Tyler**, **Waggaman**, **Webster**—28.

NAYS—**Messrs. Benton**, **Brown**, **Forsyth**, **Grundy**, **Hill**, **Kane**, **King**, **of Ala.**, **Linn**, **McKean**, **Moore**, **Morris**, **Robinson**, **Shepley**, **Tallmadge**, **Tipton**, **White**, **Wilkins**, **Wright**—18.

On Saturday, the 29th, after the presentation of sundry memorials and resolutions, the Senate went into Executive business and then adjourned.

In the House of Representatives, on Monday, the 24th ult. no other business was transacted than the reception and reference of petitions and memorials, principally relative to the deposits.

On Tuesday, the 26th, **Mr. HALL**, of N. C. presented a memorial in favor of the restoration of the deposits, from the inhabitants of **Plymouth**. A variety of bills were reported; they were severally twice read and committed. The Bank question was then taken up and discussed by **Mr. Clay**, of Ala. until the House adjourned.

On Wednesday, the 26th, **Mr. Clay** of Ala. continued and concluded his remarks on the resolution submitted by **Mr. Mardis**, concerning the U. S. Bank. The Report of the committee of ways and means, on the Bank question, next came up, and was discussed by **Mr. Schley**, of Ga. until the adjournment.

On Thursday, the 27th, after the usual report of, and action upon, bills, the consideration of the resolution on the subject of the Bank, came up. **Mr. Allan**, of Ky. spoke upon the question, until the close of the hour. The Report of the committee of ways and means, on the removal of the public deposits, was then taken up, and **Mr. Ellsworth**, of Con. addressed the House until it adjourned.

On Friday, the 28th, **Mr. J. Q. Adams** offered a resolution, calling for infor-

mation of a comprehensive nature, concerning the State Banks to which the public deposits have been transferred. **Mr. Chilton Allan** resumed his remarks of the preceding day, and continued until the expiration of the hour. The Report of the committee of ways and means on the removal of the deposits, was then discussed by **Messrs. Choate** of Mass. and **Dickerson** of N. J. until the House adjourned.

On Saturday, the 27th, the resolution submitted on the preceding day by **J. Q. Adams**, was taken up and discussed until the close of the hour. The House then proceeded to the order of the day; and after the negating of a motion made by **Mr. Porter** to suspend the rule for the purpose of taking up the Appropriation bill, proceeded to the consideration of private business, in which it continued engaged for the residue of the sitting.

The Acts and Journals of the last General Assembly, have been printed, and will be despatched to the several counties without delay. The work has been completed in about the usual time; but, in consequence of its extraordinary increase, it was with great difficulty effected. Whilst there has been no diminution in the length of the Journals, the volume comprising the Laws has extended to double its ordinary limits. They have not, in some instances, exceeded 30 to 90 pages; but in this they occupy more than 200 pages; of which about 60 are devoted to rail road charters. *Ral. Star.*

A singular incident occurred in this town on Sunday last. It appears that some persons had been amusing themselves by worrying an ox that had been confined in the wagon yard for the purpose of being fattened, and that they had employed for this purpose an old ragged coat. After he had become much incensed, an individual put on the coat and sallied into the yard, when the ox made at him, and followed him up a flight of stairs, into the second story. Here, missing the object of his pursuit, he bolted through a window, and came down into the street, considerably injured by his leap of about fifteen feet.

Fayetteville Obs.

At Chatham Superior Court, held last week, **Judge Norwood** presiding, **Wm. R. Volintine** was convicted of the crime of Bigamy, and sentenced to be imprisoned 12 months, and to pay a fine of \$100.—*Hillsboro' Rec.*

We understand, that two valuable negroes, the property of **Mr. Thomas Cowles**, who absconded last fall, were arrested by the Police of New York, and upon proof of their identity, the authorities of that place immediately delivered them up—and they are now in the possession of their master, in this city. It may not be improper to remark, that the slaves are highly pleased with this change of destination—and to use their own language, "that they would have returned before, if they had possessed the means—that they would much rather be slaves in the State of Virginia, than freemen in the State of New York." We hail with great satisfaction this active spirit of co-operation, on the part of the authorities of New York. We look to its further exertions.—*Richmond Enq.*

Melancholy.—On Wednesday, the floor of one of the buildings which are being torn down on the site of the new Custom House, corner Nassau, Pine and Wall street, gave way, and precipitated four men, with a mass of bricks and mortar, into the cellar. Two were instantly killed, and the remainder conveyed to the hospital in a dangerous state. *N. Y. Paper.*

An awfully sudden death occurred in the family of a **Mr. Bohen**, at Baltimore, on Tuesday night. Being awakened by the cry of one of his children during the night, he attempted to rouse his wife from her apparent slumber—when he discovered she had been dead for some time, being perfectly cold. She had retired to bed in perfect good health and spirits. Her death is attributed to a