

He moved, therefore, that all the various propositions or amendments should be referred to a committee of the whole, and that an early day be assigned to go into a full investigation of the subject—and proposed the first Monday in July.

Several other gentlemen spoke upon the subject,

Mr. Madison arose and withdrew his last motion for a select committee, and then submitted to the House a resolve, comprising a number of amendments to be incorporated in the Constitution—where he read for the first time.

Mr. Livonius was opposed to this resolve; he conceived it entirely improper for any individual member to propose any number of amendments, which do not affect the different amendments proposed by the several states.

Mr. Page and Mr. Lee severally rose to justify Mr. Madison; they thought themselves under great obligations to him, and conceived that the mode he adopted was just and fair—and calculated to bring the attention of the House to a proper point in determining the subject.

Mr. Madison observed, that it was necessary the subject should be brought forward in some form or other—after waiting a considerable time for others to do it, he had thought proper to propose the form now submitted to the House—*newspapers* and pamphlets were the repositories of the several amendments—those were not the proper sources—the resolve is now before the House, and they may do what they think proper with it.

Mr. Lawrence moved, that the resolve introduced by Mr. Madison, should be submitted to the consideration of a committee of the whole on the first of August.

Mr. Boudinot proposed a select committee to consider the same—but from each State.

After a few more observations, the motion of Mr. Lawrence was put and carried.

TUESDAY, June 9.

Upon motion it was voted, that this day forthwith the House will resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the committee respecting the enrolment, aeraffation, &c. of the acts of Congress.

It was moved, that the rule of the House, which enables a division of the members, in case of doubt as to the decision of any question, should be amended, by saying, that the members, in the affirmative should vote in their places, and stand until counted—This motion obtained.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and resumed the bill on the collection of the revenue.

Parts of delivery under consideration.

Precious to making any further nomination of such parts—it was moved, that the bays, harbours, rivers, creeks and harbours, be divided into as many districts as there are ports of entry in the United States—This motion, after a discussion, was adopted.

It was moved to insert a clause, whereby masters of ships and other vessels loaded with goods, wares, and merchandise, and bound into the United States from any foreign port, should be obliged to produce duplicate manifests of their respective cargos, to any officers of the customs that may demand the same, previous to their entering the ports of destination.

This motion gave rise to a lengthy conversation, which terminated in withdrawing the motion.

It was then voted, that a COLLECTOR, a NAVAL OFFICER, and a SURVEYOR, should be appointed for each of the following ports, viz. Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk and Portsmouth, Alex. andriana, Virginia, Georgetown, in Maryland; Charlestown, South-Carolina, and Savannah—The committee then rose.

WEDNESDAY, June 10.

The House met, and resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the collection bill.

On motion of Mr. Madison, a clause was added, declaring, "that there should be a Surveyor at each of the ports of delivery only; with an exception to certain ports that are to be emancipated."

On motion of Mr. Ames, a clause was added, declaring that every master or other person, having charge or command of a ship or vessel bound to any port of the United States, shall be obliged to produce an endorsement, to any officer, or person authorized for the purpose, two manifests, specifying in words, the true contents of the cargo, on such vessel—one of which manifest the officer is to sign, and return to the Captain, the time when the same was produced to him—the other is to transmit to the Naval Office of the port where the said vessel is bound.

THE S.P.Y.

For instant justice & evidence.

DR. DENEY.

THERE are somers and errors, which though often fatal to those in whom they are found, have yet by the universal consent of mankind, been considered as entitled to some degree of respect—or have at least been exempted from contemptuous infamy, and condemned by the general morality with pity more than detestation. A constant and invincible example of this general partiality will be found in the different regard which has always been shown to *rashness* and *cowardice*, two vices of which, though they may be conceived to be equally abominable to *rational* and *civilized* men, they may be conceived to be equally distant from the middle point of the attitude, and may equally injure any public & private

interests, yet the one is never mentioned without some kind of veneration, and the other always considered as a topic of unlimited censure, on which all the virulence of reprobation may be lawfully exerted.

Among other opposite qualities of the mind, which might become dangerous in different degrees, we may consider the effects of presumption and despondency; of heady confidence, which promises victory without a contest; and heartless philanthropy, which shrinks back from the thought of great undertakings, *confounds difficulties with impossibilities*, and confides all advancement towards any new attainment as irreversibly prohibited. Presumption will be easily corrected. Every experiment will teach caution, and misfortune will hourly tell them that attempts are not always rewarded with success. The most precipitate ardour will in time learn the necessity of methodical gradations and preparatory measures; and the most daring confidence be convinced, that merits and abilities do not invariably command events.

It is the advantage of *presumption* and *activity* therefore, that they are always moving towards their own reformation; because they *incur* us to try whether our expectations are well grounded, and therefore detect the deceits which they are too anxious. But *timidity* is a disease of the mind more obstinate and fatal—for a man once possessed that any impediment is insurmountable, has given it, with respect to himself, that weight and strength which it had not before. He can strive scarcely with vigour and perseverance when he has no hopes of gaining the victory; and since he will never try his strength, can never discover the unreasonableness of his fears. There is often to be found in men devoted to literature, a kind of intellectual cowardice, which however conveys much among them, may chuse frequently to deprive the alacrity of enterprise, and by consequence to retard the improvement of science. They have annexed to every species of knowledge, some chimerical character of terror and ambition, which they transmit without much reflection from one to another; they first fright themselves and then propagate the panic to their scholars & acquaintance. One study is inconsistent with a lively imagination, another with a solid judgment—one is proper in the early parts of life, another requires so much time that it is next to attempted at an advanced age—one is dry and contracts the sentiments, another is diffuse and overburdens the memory—one is infatuated to taste and delicacy, and another wears out life in the study of *arts*, and is useless to a wise man who defines only the knowledge of *things*.

But of all the bugbears by which the youth of all countries have been hitherto frightened from digressing into new tracks of learning, none has been more militarily efficacious, than an opinion that every kind of knowledge requires a particular genius, or mental constitution, framed for the reception of some ideas and the exclusion of others; and that to him whose genius is not adapted to the study, which he professes, all labour shall be vain and fruitless; vain as an endeavour to mingle oil and water, or in the language of chemistry, to amalgamate bodies of heterogeneous principles. This opinion we may reasonably suspect to have been propagated by vanity beyond the truth. It is natural for those who have raised a reputation by any sciences, to exalt themselves as endowed by heaven with peculiar powers, or marked out by an extraordinary designation for their profession. They fright competitors away, by representing the difficulties with which they intend to prosecute the studies which they meet contend, and the necessity of qualities which are supposed to be not generally conferred, and which no man can know, but by experience, whether he enjoys. To this discouragement it may be possibly answered, that since a genius whatever it be, is like the first, only to be produced by collision with a proper subject—it is the business of every man to try whether his faculties may not happily co-operate with his desires—and since those whose proficiency he admires knew their own force only by the events, he need not censure in the same undertaking with equal spirit, and may reasonably hope for equal success.

There are two classes of treacherous infractions—the one destroys industry, by declaring that industry is vain—the other by representing it as needless—the one cuts away the root of hope, the other raises it only to be blotted—the one confines pupil to the shore by telling him that his wreck is certain—the other sends him in fear without preparing him for tempests. False hopes and false fears are equally to be avoided. Every man who proposes to grow eminent by learning, should carry in his mind at once the difficulty of excellence, and the force of industry; and remember that fame is only to be expected as the recompence of labour, and that labour vigorously conducted, will seldom fail of its reward.

DUBLIN, March 21.

The pool of Siloam, at Jerusalem, to celebrate in Jewish story—now a tan pit.

The superb columns which once graced the Temple of Diana, now placed at one of the gates of the Seraglio, inverted. The garden of Nero, formerly watered with the blood of the first Christians, blotted out by that inhuman tyrant—now adorned with a temple which outshines the ancient glories of the capital, and dedicated to the service of the same perfected religion.

Greece, once the native land of liberty, the birthplace of genius, the school of heroes and patriots—in whose hemisphere the son of Jove shamed with unusual splendour for upwards of 700 years, the land of ignorance, superstition, and the most abject slavery; religion and politics united to fetter both the mind and the body, to repress injury, and inspire a sovereign contempt for every book except the Koran.

ON D.O. N., March 21.

Yesterday morning dispatches arrived at Drury's office, from Commodore Phillips, at Boston, with an account of the arrival of the fleet, on the 1st January, 1788; after a passage of near three months.

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