

TWENTY-SECOND CONGRESS... 1st sess.

Monday, March 5.

In the SENATE, Mr. Smith presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing in whole or in part the act entitled "an act for the more effectual collection of the import duties, approved the 28th of May, 1830."

Mr. Benton offered a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for the monthly statements of the affairs of the bank of the United States for January and February. Mr. Sprague offered a resolution requesting the President to communicate such parts of the correspondence between the late secretary of state and Mr. M'Lane, while minister to London, as had not been laid before congress. The apportionment bill was taken up, and Mr. Webster withdrew his former amendment and offered the following:

"That the House of Representatives shall be composed of such a number of members chosen within each state, as shall bear to the representative population of such state, the same proportion as the number two hundred and fifty six bears to the whole representative population of the United States; and of one additional member to every state, in which the addition of such member will bring its number of representatives nearer to its exact proportion than the omission of such additional member; the said number of representatives in any state not exceeding one for every forty thousand people."

In the House, Mr. Donnell, from the committee of ways and means, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States...

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House whether, any, and, if any, what Indian tribes or nations who joined the enemy in the late war with Great Britain, continue to receive annuities from the United States, under treaties made prior to the war, and not received.

Mr. Clayton's resolution respecting the bank of the United States was taken up, and that gentleman continued his speech in reply to objections against it.

*Tuesday, March 6.*

In the SENATE, Mr. Benton, from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill to increase the pay of the surgeons and assistant surgeons in the United States army, which was ordered to a second reading. Mr. Smith's resolution proposing an enquiry into the expediency of suppressing the circulation of bills of a denomination less than five dollars, was adopted. The consideration of the apportionment bill was renewed, and the discussion was continued by Messrs. Clayton, Tazewell, Ewing and Webster—but no question was taken.

In the HOUSE, Mr. Wardwell presented resolutions adopted by the legislature of the state of New-York, in opposition to the re-charter of the Bank of the United States. Mr. Wickliffe, from the committee on public lands, reported a bill for the final adjustment of private land claims in the state of Missouri. The resolution for the appointment of a select committee to examine the affairs of the Bank of the United States, was again taken up. Mr. Clayton resumed and concluded his remarks in favor of the resolution, in a speech of about three hours' length.