

BANK OF THE UNITED STATES.

The House then, on motion of Mr. Clayton, suspended the rule, so as to enable the committee of visitation to the Bank of the United States, to make their report. Leave being given, Mr. Clayton presented the report, which he moved to have received, without being read, and that it should be referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. McDuffie then rose and observed that he felt bound to make some remarks, in justice to the committee, to account for the delay which had taken place, and which had prevented the committee from having it presented before. The inquiry involved a number of subjects, which rendered it necessary for it to be very minute. The result of it was necessarily very voluminous, and the committee had only that morning come to a decision upon the report to be made, which prevented the minority of that committee from presenting their views as they were desirous of doing, at this time, in opposition to this report. He therefore wished to submit orally a few remarks on one or two topics contained in the report.

Mr. McDuffie then stated various facts which occurred before the committee, and are adverted to in the report—and made comments on several points in the report, in regard to which he dissented from the committee.

Mr. Clayton replied with a good deal of animation, after protesting against this mode of controverting the report before it was read, to the points touched on by Mr. McDuffie, and glanced also on some other points, concerning the operations of the Bank.

Mr. Adams, a member of the committee, next rose, and stated the reasons why he should take occasion to present, in a distinct written form, his views of the subject. In the course of his remarks, he said that if there was a single sentence in the report of the committee, from which he did not entirely dissent, he was not aware of it.

Mr. Cambreleng, also a member of the committee, vindicated the course of the investigations pursued by the committee, and expressed his disposition to maintain and stand by its report.

Mr. Wayne, observing that the report, after such contradictory opinions of it had been expressed by different members of the committee, could go to the world with very little authority, however much it might be entitled to, and desiring to see in form the objections which the minority of the committee intended to make to it, to give time for that purpose, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject to Monday next.

The motion was negatived.

After some interlocutory remarks by Mr. Wickliffe and Cambreleng,

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Mr. Thomas, another member, rose to vindicate the proceedings of the committee, and avowed his readiness to stand before the House and the People, and defend the report of that committee.

Mr. R. M. Johnson, of Kentucky, another Member of the committee, stated his views of the report. He had assented to it, he admitted; but he disclaimed any intention to cast the least reflection on the integrity or honor of the President or Government of the Bank, to the former of whom he accorded high praise and great merit.

After an explanatory remark from Mr. Watmough, the question on printing the Report was taken and decided in the affirmative. And then

The House adjourned.

[This debate was listened to with deep interest by House, Lobby, and Galleries; and a report of it may be looked for from us as early as practicable.]