

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. McDuffie having obtained leave, presented the Report of the Minority of the Committee appointed to investigate the Proceedings of the Bank of the United States, and moved that it be laid upon the table and printed; but withdrew his motion at the request of

Mr. Cambreling, who inquired of Mr. McDuffie whether the Report had appended to it the replies of the President of the Bank to the last set interrogatories presented to him on the part of the Committee.

Mr. McDuffie replying in the affirmative,

Mr. Cambrelleng stated that, in order to enable the President of the Bank to answer these interrogatories more at his leisure, they had been left in his hands by the Committee on their departure from Philadelphia. On looking over the replies which the President had made, Mr. C. perceived that many of them were not replies to the queries which had been put by the Committee. In others the President had denied facts which the Committee had stated on the ground of the statements submitted by the Bank to Government from year to year; and had answered questions which Mr. C. had never asked of him. In consequence of this, Mr. C. took this opportunity to give notice, that he should feel it his duty to propound to the President other queries, for the purpose of ascertaining who had been right and who wrong in the matter. Had that course been pursued in the Committee which Mr. C. had proposed and desired, and the President had been permitted to give verbal replies to those interrogatories, & his answers been taken down, Mr. C. would have had an opportunity to

en down, Mr. C. would have had an opportunity to have prevented all misunderstanding. But he had waived this advantage, and consented, for the convenience of the President, to leave the written queries with him; and had little anticipated that that gentleman would have taken advantage of the waiver.

Mr. McDuffie said, that from the perusal he had been able to give to these replies, they appeared to be full, complete, and satisfactory. If any misunderstanding has taken place, it would seem more likely, from the knowledge the President of the Bank possessed on all subjects connected with the subject of banking, that that officer was less likely to have fallen into the mistake than the honorable gentleman from New York. But he rose to inquire whether he had completely heard the gentleman. Had the gentleman said that the President of the Bank had given replies to questions not put to him?

Mr. Cambreleng said, in explanation, that from the replies, it would seem either that the President of the Bank had misunderstood the interrogatories, or else had purposely given such replies as were calculated to place the queries which had been put to him in a ri-

diculous light before the public. It seemed to him that the President had wilfully misunderstood the queries. He could not undertake to say what had been the motives of that officer, but it was certain that the replies did not answer the questions. If the gentleman from South Carolina would sit down by his side, and with him go over the interrogatories and the answers, he could satisfy him that such was the fact.

Mr. McDuffie asked Mr. Cambreleng to say whether the questions set down by the President in connexion with the replies, were or were not the questions put to that officer by the Committee?

Mr. Cambreleng said that they were.

Then, replied Mr. McDuffie, as the questions and the answers will be submitted side by side to the public, the public would be able to judge whether the President of the Bank had made himself ridiculous by the answers he had given, or whether the ridicule would fall elsewhere.

Mr. Adams stated that the separate Report he wished to submit to the House on his own behalf, would be in readiness on Monday next.

Mr. Clayton said that as the Counter Report from the Committee had now come in, he hoped the House would consent to the printing of an extra number of both the documents.

The Chair suggested to the gentleman from Georgia, that the gentleman from Massachusetts, (Mr. Adams,) had just given notice that a third report would be submitted to the House on Monday: perhaps the gentleman would prefer to defer his motion until then.

Mr. Clayton assented, and did not press the motion.

The case of Samuel Houston again coming up—

Mr. Burges who had the floor, advocated the amendment of Mr. Huntington, declaring that he had been guilty of a contempt and violation of the privileges of the House.

Mr. Archer followed in a speech upon the opposite side.

Mr. Kerr and Mr. Dickson successfully took the floor, in elaborate arguments in support of the amendment of Mr. Huntington. The latter gentleman was still addressing the House, at 8 o'clock, when our paper went to press.—The House seemed determined to have the question before adjournment.