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Gentlemen's tickets one dollar each, to be had of Mr. Francis, at the Academy, or at his houle. Mr. Francis likewife informs the Subferibers to the Select Balls, that the next will be on Tuefday the 30th—Thofe fubfcribers who have not yet received their tickets, are requefted to apply for them as above.

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ONGRES.S. USE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Debate on Foreign Intercourfe. FRIDAY-JANUARY 19.

[Continued from vefferday's Gazette.] r. GALLATIN faid, the committee had told, in the course of the debate, by gentlemen that this attempt to reduce umber of our ministers was unconftituil; by others, that it was inexpedient even fome gentlemen who agreed to the ral expediency of the meafure, believed ould beattended withinconvenience from

refent foreign relations. relation to the conflictutionality of the , he did not believe, whatever doctrine upported with refpect to treaties, that this occasion the committee should be that they were interfering with he con-tional power vefted in the Prefdent. It true, that he had the general power of ointing ambalfadors; but it was not lefs , that the legiflature had the fole and ufive power to provide for all the expen-f the union. Hence a ofe the idea of being a government of departments, fo ed as to be a check upon each other. the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. Smith) faid there was no fuch thing as a k of departments; that each was dif-; and, though each had checks within , none of them checked the other. And luftrate his position, he introduced the le of a clock, at the fame time that he then that the Executive department the Main Spring which put the clock otion, whilft Mr. G. fuppofed he meant the other branches were merelytke hands h moved as they were directed. But if was any act which could not be done by all the branches, each had its share ciding upon the propriety of it. When ity was made, it had been argued that onfe had nothing to do but carry it effect; but here it was faid, that the were bound to provide for every Am-dor appointed; and if, by withholding es, they obliged the Prefident to fend ters Refident, where he wished to fend ters Plenipotentiary, they would act fiftently with the Conflitution. Tho' emen might make Speeches on this a, they must know that where the le-ure had a right to act, it had a right iberate and to use its difcretion. That s better for the intereft of the Nation he Departments should act in union, owed, and also that it was right to give the fupport to the Executive which the dig-nity and happiness of the nation required. With respect to the experiency or the ameudment, he would alk whether any thing

had been faid to fhew that the extention of our Foreign political connections would con-duce to the greater happiness of the U. S. Our prefent critical fituation was not owing as had been flated by the gentleman from S. Carolina (Mr. Harper) to our Commercial Carolina (Mr. Harper) to our Commercial Intercourfe, but from the operation of trea-ties and our political connection. No truth was more firongly imprefied upon his mind, than that the extension of our political in-tercourfe with Poreign nations was highly dangerous to us. And when the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. Dana) charged those who advocated this amendment with addreff-ing the collection and nearche with addreff-

ing the galleries, and people out of doors, rather than the members of the committee, Mr. G. fuppofed he believed the public onion was with them, and that it was this conviction which produced the declaration. He faid he thought the gentleman right, and that the people would read their fpeeches, attend to the fubject, and decide with them against increasing our diplomatic intercourfe. Could it be faid that any good had arifen from this fource? It was true treaties had been made; but no treaty had been made fince the adoption of the prefent Govern-ment, by Minifters refident at any court at the time. If any benefits were derived to the country from the British treaty, they must be attributed to the Envoy extraordina-ry, and not to our Minister at that court; and when our treaty with Spain was con-cluded, it was necessary to fend a minister refident at another court to do the busines. Since our treaties were always made by special envoys, what advantage could it be of, to have numerous ministers plenipotentiary in Europe? In the prefent critical fituation of that country, agitated as it was to the center, was it not to be apprehended that our minifters would participate, in fome de-gree in the party fpirit which there abound-ed, and rank themfelves on one fide or the other, which would have a tendency to draw this country into a vortex from which we this country into a vortex from which we were fo happily feparated by the Atlantic. We were the only nation, he faid, who pof-feffed a Government on a firm foundation, in which civil and religious liberty was fully recognized; we, therefore, enjoyed, what the people of Europe were feeking after. We have nothing to wifh, except to remain in our prefent fituation. Why then, fhould we hazard the being involved in European broils? He had before flated Confuls were equal to every commercial regulation, and equal to every commercial regulation, and he had heard nothing to change his opinion. Seeing, therefore, that thefe Diplomatic agents were rather dangerous than ufeful, he thought it time toput aftop to their increase. It might be faid, that in this opinion he differed from the Exceptive. He felt the weight of this remark, and it was with fome diffidence that he expressed it; but it was his opinion, and therefore he could not with-hold it. Whether the Prefident had any information which led him to a different opinion, he could not tell; he could only act from what he knew, and he should not be deterred from forming an opinion becaufe a-nother department of the government might poffels information which he had not. He fould follow his own opinion, unbiaffed by

greed it would be wrong to do it violently. If that was an illuscral conclusion, he was guil-He believed that was not the intention of the mover of this amendment ; but he could fee no objection to faying at this time when the extention fhould ceafe. With refpect to the gentlemen now abroad, they knew when they accepted their offices, they were liable to two events, viz. to the recal of the Prefident, and to a refusal of the legislature to renew the law relative to foreign inter-courfe when it expired. It would, therefore, be no a 9 of injuffice to them to agree to the amendment.

Gentlemen confidered the faving of a few thousand dollars a year, a paltry economy, thousand dollars a year, a paltry economy, and that it was neceffary to appoint men of talents fully competent to offices of this kind. He agreed that competent perfons ought to be appointed; but minifters refi-dent at a falary of 4.5 co dollars a year were possible of the fame powers with ministers plenipotentiary—the only difference betwixt them was in their faile of fiving. To low-er the falaries, therefore, would not dimin-is the competition for these offices. He did not know that the one falary would command higher talents than the other; command higher talents than the other ; nor did he fuppofe that when our minifters refident at Portugal and Holland were cloth-ed with the commiffions of minifters pleni-potentiary at Madrid and Berlin, and of course their falaries doubled, that their talents received the fame proportion of in-

Mr. G. infilled that his former ftatement with refpect to the appropriations for this object were right, notwithstanding what had been afferted by the gentleman from S. Carolina to the contrary.

Carolina to the contrary. But the advocates of this motion, had been charged with improperly drawing in-to view the fubject of executive patronage, and when fpeaking upon this fubject, he himfelf had been charged with making an "illiberal and unfounded charge." That what he faid might be incorrect, was prob-able, from the information given by the gentleman from S. Carolina, but that what he faid was illiberal and unfounded, he de-mied. Mr.G. faid it was true, that the nied. Mr.G. faid it was true, that the fum of money proposed to be faved by this amendment was not large Gentlemen might if they pleased, call it a paltry faving; but having first stablished the fact, that these officers were not only unneceffary, but danerous, though the faving was not large. it ought to be made. But it was faid that It ought to be made. But it was faid that out government was fo pure, fo untainted, that the patronage which was wifhed to be guarded against can have no effect in this country; and the gentleman from Connec-ticut had faid the charge could have no ground, excess that then his (Mr. G's) or actual fandard. He bein eet that the observations on this subject had nothing to do with either of their hearts. He should not expect much credit to be given to do with either of their hearts. The fhould not expect much credit to be given to any declarations which he might make on that floor as to the purity of his mo-tives. Indeed, he took it to be his duty to flate his reafons for or against any quef-tion which came before that house, and after delivering them in the beft manner he vas able, to leave them to have the effect they deferved. He thought the gentleman's remark, therefore, poworthy of notice, but he again called fupon the committee to confult the hiftory of all other nations whole overnments were in the demander of the term overnments were, in any degree, fimilar to urs, and it would be feen, that an undue extension of executive patronage had been the definition of them all. But was there

ty i but when a man supported an appropriation to day, and three days after was appointed ty i but when a man supported an appropria-tion to day, and three days after was appointed to the office contemplated by it, it was difficult to suppose he knew nothing of it at the time. The gentleman from S. Carolina had faid it appeared from the journals that he did not know of it; but he supposed, notwithstading, that, more than three days were necellary for the arrangement of fuch a bufnets. But it was fup-poled he meant to make an illiberal attack upon that gentleman; the truth was, he did not mean the attack upon the perfon appointed, but a-gains the perfon making the appointment.— He conceived the appointment improper; but he expressed in the confliction the following claufe : "No fenator, or representative, fhall, during the time for which he was elested, be appointed to any civil office, under the authori-ty of the United States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments of aubich shall have been created, during fueb time." And here he would aft genetiment who thought executive pa-tronage ought net to be feared, why the fram-ers of our conflictuon inferred a claute of this kind, if they had not *feared* this patronage ? It was to this claufe of the confliction, and to nothing elle, that he had reference, in the allu-tion which he had made ; and though the ap-pointment might not be expressly againsf the letter of the confliction, it was certainly againsf its *fiorit*. ts spirit. He would make only an additional remark in

its first. He would make only an additional remark in relation to expediency. It had been faid that to pais this amendment in our prefeat function with foreign countries, would tend to fhew an exitting division betwixt the Executive of the United States and the people. This argument might be brought at all times, as the occasions were not unfrequent in which the feveral branch-es of govern ment differed in opinion, nor was this to be lamented, it was natural, and what could not be avoided. But it was faid that those gov-ernments with whom we were connected, might take umbrage at a measure of this kind; and that when foreign countries fent minifters of the fame rank. To do this, would be to do fome-thing more than what the prefident of the Unit-ed States might require them to do, it was oblig-ing the legiflature to follow, not only the will of the prefident, but the whims and caprices of they foreign nation who chole, from what rea-fon nobody could tell, to fend minifteriat cha-rafters to this country. To fupport an expense of this kind, he believed, would be making a little too free with the treafary of the United States. Gaulemen who, fupported this amendment

Gentlemen who fuoported this amendment had been charged with using declamation ; yet, faid he, those who thus charge us, tell the comfaid he, those who thus charge us, tell the com-mittee, that we are perfons *who wift this coun-try tamely to fubmit to the woll of a foreign na-tion !* He would alk whether, or not, this was declamation ? He alked what connection fub-mitting to the will of a foreign nation, had with this amendment ? and what kind of difference it could make in the termination of our prefeat negociation, or on our could thereafter, whe-ther this amendment paffed or not ? He could ice none ; and when gentlemen were told they made speeches to catch the ears of the populace, or vulgar he thought they might with propri-ety reply, that nothing which had fallen from them was more calculated for this purpole, than what fell from the gentleman from S. Carelina, (Mr. Harper.) Mr. N. SMITH denied that he had compar-red the caseutive to to the main fpring of a clock,

ed the executive to to the main and re flated what he had faid r erent branches of government being indepen dent of each other. The committee role and had leave to fit a-

gain.

MONDAY-JANUARY 22.

The Houfe having again refolved itfelf into a Com-mittee of the Whole, on the Bill providing the means of Foreign Intercourfe, and Mr. Nicho-ha's amendment being under confideration, Mr. GRISWOLD faid, if inflead of redu-

ing the number of our foreign Ministers

which could be removed only by the inter-ference of our Ministers. Gentlemen alledged that this could be done by Confuls; it ged that this could be done by Confuls; it ftruck him not. Who were these Coofuls? Men of refpectability adoubtedly; but mere monied men, purfuing private objects for the purpofes of gain, who poffeffed neither leifure nor ability to manage a bufinels of this kind. Diplomatic Agents, he faid, were uniformly employed in all countries; except, indeed, in Turkey, or in the tyrannical States of Barbary; States which he trulted Gentlemen would not produce for the United States to imitate. If even it fhould be proper, in fuch a ftate of things, would it be properat this time? Wasthe prefent a flate of tranquility and peace? Were our affairs going on well; was not Europe convulled to the centre? Did not every day produce a revolution or a maffacre? And were we unconnected with Europe? Did not our commerce carry us there, and was not our capital there? Yet our Diplomatic A gents are to be difcontinued, and our com, merce left to shift for itself, and in case of difputes no explanations could be had. The bufinefs was to be dropped at once; and what was worfe, it was to be done becaufe the Legislature placed no confidence in the Executive of the government-bccaufe one department of government was opposed to the other, which had the appearance of a nation fighting against itself. Were gentle-men defirous that fuch a picture of our fitu-ation flould cross the Atlantic ! He tho't

no gentleman could fay this would be acting prudently. But, notwithstanding these confiderati-

ons, gentlemen fill fay this motion ought , to be agreed to, becaufe the Executive is already poffeffed of immenfe patronage, which is fpreading its influence through every department, and is become fo alarming as to make it neceffary to factifice every con-fideration in order to have it leffened. When he heard a language of this kind, he could fearcely refrain from fmiling. What, he afked, was this alarming influence? It could not be doubted that in fome governments, where the appointments were numerous, and where the executive was a permanent effa-blifhment, immenfe influence might be ac-quired. But what was the fituation of our executive ? It was true it had the power of appointing to office ; but the offices were not very defirable, and the execution of fome of them was attended with obloquy and reproach ; befides, the duration of our executive was limited to a four years leafe. And yet gentlemen charge this executive with being poffeffed of an influence which they foretel will prove the defiruction of gov-erament. Such opinions he could only con-fider as mere chimeras of the brain, fupport-

ed upon no rational ground. But gentlemen went farther, and faid that this power had already been actually abufed, as the executive, in his appointments to office, had refpect to the opinions of those whom he choic. He confelled that he had thought, from fome appointments which mad been made, that the Prefident had not adopted the determination which fome gentleman were of opinoin he had, tho he acknowledged it was a determination which every real friend of the government must with to fee adopted. Could it be believed, that the Prefident would not have fome refpect to the opinions of the men he employed? Gentlemen could not believe this. What ! employ men whole very e-pinions and principles led to diforder !-- to ferving order and peace, whole very ons lend to diforganization and confu Was this to be done? He thought not : and if the determination of attending to the opinions of men appointed, had not been adopted, it ought to be adopted. Indeed he had been led to believe, that there was a clafs of men in this country, who, from the fober convictions of their minds, being convinced that most of the measures of government were wrong, had determined not to accept of any office under it, and by that means affift in its execution ; but if he righty underftood the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Baldwin) he fuppofed he had been deceived in this respect, as he seemed to fay, that they were not only willing, but defirous of accepting offices under government. He could not have believed this, as it fuppoled a balenels of character which he had hoped did not exift in the United States.-What ! were gen lemen who had been uni-formly opposed to every measure of government, now ready to ftep in and take part in the execution of that government? Were they willing to become the juftifiers of those measures which they have heretofore uniformly declared to be wrong ? He had hitherto refpected this clafs of men, becaufe he believed they acted from conviction ; but if they were about to add hypocrify to their other crimes, it was a proof of their total want of integrity. Indeed, for a man to fay adminification was right, when he believed it was wrong, was to prove that he had no conference. He thought, therefore, it was highly proper to chufe men only into office who would act from principle. He concluded, therefore, upon every ground, that the motion was wrong. Mr. G. faid he could not fit down, without nos ticing fome featiments which fell from the gentleman from Virginia, which wore a feexistence of our government. That gen-tleman begun his speech by telling the house that all reprefentative republics naturally ten-ded to corruption ; and that republics were capable of attaining more tyranny than monatchy, and more opprefilion than delp. tifms. [Mr. NICHOLAS explained what he had faid.]Mr. G. infifted upon being lor these evils, he faid, was only in feeble minorities -- in fhort, that the few were to be fet, against the many. This was denouncing republics with a vergeance-it went our Commerce spreads to all parts of the to the very foundation of our government, world, and disputes must necessarily arife, It was a doctrine which he never expected

between his Catholie Majell * and the United States of America, it is flipulated, "That fach thips, being la-"den, are to be provided not only with paffports, but "offor with certificates containing the feveral partico-"lars of the cargo, the place whence the fhip failed, "that lo it may be known whether any forbidden or "contraband goods be on board the fame, which cer-"tificates thall be made out by the officers of the place "whence the fhip failed, in the accuftomed form a "and if any one thall think fit or defirable to express "in the faid certificates the performs to whom the "goods on board belong, he may freely do fo; with "out which req iffices, they may be feat to one of the "ports of the other contracting party, and adjudged "by the competent tribunal, according to what is a-"by we forth, that all the circumantees of this o-mifion having been well examined, they fhall be "adjudged to be legal prizes, unlefs they fhall give "legal latisfaction of their property, by telimgony e-"quivalent."—Now therefore, in order to prevent the improper capture, feizure or detention of any A-merican veffels trading agreeably to faid treat, by his C-tholic majeRy's cruiters or other armed veffels, I do hereby give notice, that fuch documents as are required in the faid article, fhall be granted to thole who may apply at the office of the Confulate General or at eny other of the Confulates throughout the Uni-ted States. Im. 23 6c <u>FOr Sale</u>,

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Hylon and Young"Hylon, Tea. A few cheffs of excellent quality, For Sale, cor-ner of Second and Pine fireets. December 26. any authority. But it was faid, though it might be proper to diminish our foreign intercourse, it

reason to guard against this upon the gentleman's own ground ? There certainly was ; for, according to their doctrine, the power of the executive was un-bounded in its nature, and without check, as they fay the Prefident has a right to appoint as many minifters as he pleafes, and that the legiflature is bound to provide their falaries. When fuch a doctrine was avowed, was it not right, he asked, to state all the confequences to which it led ? He tho't t was.

Again, he would afk, whether the ex-perience of this government had not fhewn that this patronage, fo far as it related to he legislature, was more dangerous than any other. In the laft four years, five minfters had been fent to Europe, four of whom had been taken from the legislature of the United States-one, he believed, after the period for which he was elected was expired. Combine with this fact, that t is the duty of the executive to chule men. for office only from those whole opinions re confonant to its own, and look at the fituation of members of Congrefs. They fee written, in legible characters, " There is no hope of being appointed to office, except your apinions be in conformity to those of the executive of the United States."

If, faid Mr. G. in the youth of our country and government, we do not feel the ef-fect of this kind of influence, as it had tect of this kind of influence, as it had been experienced in other countries, it is owing folely to that caufe, and he would venture to fay there was no other legiflature in exiftence upon which fuch a fact would not make fome imprefion; and if it did not make any here at prelent, were they to fuppofe that this country was fo much more favored by providence than others, that the fame effects might not, in procefs of time, be produced here, as had been pro-duced by fimilar caufes, in other nations ? luced by fimilar caufes, in other nations ? And ought they not to guard against it in time ? He thought prudence directed them to do fo.

With refped to the illiberal and unfounded charge which is hid been faid he had made.-When the gentleman from S. Carolina had flated, that fince the appointment of an embaffa-dor to Berlin, nothing had taken place which could induce us to change our views. He, in answer, flated, that there were other reasons, and then, not as if he were making any new difcovery, afked if fuch a fact were not recollected; but, at the fame time, acquitted the gentleman alluded to of acting under undue im-prefions. Indeed he knew that gentleman's pinion fo well on matters of this kind, that he was certain he would have voted the money, whoever might have been appointed. But he drew the conclution that he knew the fact that

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enipotentiary, it had been the intention of the prefent amendment, to make an enquiry into the reasonableness of the falaries at prefent allowed to our Foreign Agents, he fhould most cheerfully have goue into the investigation, as he believed it was a fubject upon which the house had a full right to leislate; but when he heard Gentlemen declare that this was not their object, but that it was their intention to check a power which the conflitution had placed in the Executive, the motion would meet his decided negative.

The ground which gentlemen had taken went to declare, that though the Conftitu-tion had faid that the Prefident, with the advice of the Senate, fhould appoint Am-baffadors and other public Ministers, the Gentleman from Virginia and others, fay that he fhould not do this; that they will tie their hands to as to put it out of his power to execute this provision of the Conflictuion. So that in this queftion the people of the United States and the Conflitution were on one fide, and the Gentleman from Virginia and his friends on the other. For himfelf, he had no difficulty in deciding, where fuch were the parties.

If past experience had not taught the house that attempts were frequently made to invade the Conflitutional powers of the Executive, fuch a motion as the prefent would produce furprife; but, as former at-tempts of that kind had not only been made out repelled as they ought, he trufted the fame iffue would take place on the prefent occafion.

Gentlemen had flated our Conflitution as filled with balances and checks, and that different departments were intended to check each other. He allowed that each had checks within itfelf: but if the departments were to check each other, the government could not proceed? and however this doctrine might be difcuffed with metaphyfi- rious afpect, and feemed to aim at the very cal fubtlety, its tendency was to flop the wheels of government. He hoped this doc-trine of checks which had been introduced into the house by the gentleman from Pennfylvania (Mr. Gallatin) would not extend itfelf in this country, as it contained more mifchiefs than Pandora's box. But fuppofe for the fake of difcuffion. this doctrine were admitted, and that the house had a right to correct in his flatement ; but he faid the check the Executive in the exercise of its gentleman did not ftop here. The remedy check the Executive in would it be proper Conflictutional powers, would it be proper Was to exercife it on the prefent occasion? Was it, even in the most peaceable times, proper to curtail our Diplomatic Corps, fince was improper to do it at present. He a- he was to be appointed to the office at the time, world, and disputes must necessarily arife,