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REMARKS OF MR. J. B. PACKER.

OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY. On the proposed amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of Judges by the people; delivered in the House of Representatives, February 15, 1850. MR. SPEAKER: I had long since ceased to look upon the adoption of this amendment to the Constitution...

MR. J. B. PACKER.

ing kindness of the gentlemen from Northampton. But, Mr. Speaker, there is another objection, a constitutional one, which I cannot but regard as equally fatal to this and any other amendment...

MARRIAGE IN DIFFERENT NATIONS.

In Ceylon, one of the principal ceremonies consists in tying together the clothing of the bridegroom and bride, to signify that they are bound together for life. This ceremony is performed in the presence of their friends...

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In Java there are three kinds of marriages. The first and most common is where the parties are of equal condition, or the bridegroom is the superior of the bride; the second is, when the wife's station is much higher than that of the husband...

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In Sumatra, the Battas have as many wives as they please, generally five or six, who all live in the same apartment with their common husband, but each has a separate fire-place. Husbands purchase their wives of their father-in-law, and gamble them away, or sell them whenever they please.

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Again the lord of the castle urged them on; but they only howled and moaned, and lay still. A strange shuddering seized him, which redoubled when the old woman raised her lantern on high, and her long white hair appeared waving in the storm, while, with a sad and threatening voice, she exclaimed...

Although I am, Mr. Speaker, warmly attached to the principle of an elective judiciary, yet, if it can be shown that the proposed amendment is radically defective in form or substance, no one could be more willing than myself to adopt any measures that may be necessary for the correction of its imperfections.

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