

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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A motion has prevailed in the Senate, to inquire into the expediency of disbanding all Volunteer companies in the State; and, that no one shall hereafter be formed, unless two-thirds at least of the members, shall be native born citizens.

Who is Henry K. Strong?

Henry K. Strong, elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, is an old line Anti-Mason, of the Riner and Stevens school. During the Pennsylvania crusade against secret societies, he was editing an Anti Masonic paper in Harrisburg, and persecuted all such associations to the bitter end.

Falling to gain a living at Anti-Masonry, he quit politics, and turned his attention to the law. In this, too, he failed, when he moved his family to Illinois, but he himself went to Philadelphia, where, by professing Temperance, Whiggery, Abolitionism, &c., he succeeded in getting a seat in the Legislature.

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