

ANNEXATION OF TEXAS.

SPROOF OF MR. BUCHANAN.

OF THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 14, 1845.

(Continued.)

The first time the interpretation of this clause had come up before Congress was on the admission of Louisiana into the Union as a State.

If the article of the Constitution, however, did not mean that Congress might acquire new States out of new territories, what did it mean?

The honorable Senator's mistake arose from his confounding two things entirely distinct.

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disposing of San Antonio? And what shall be the result of the vote on the 12th of this month?

He contended that Texas ought to be admitted into the Union, because it would be a bond of peace between us and England, France, and all the manufacturing nations of the world.

Either the world is to be divided into two parts, one of which is to be a free country, and the other a slave country, or we are to be a slave country, and the world is to be a free country.

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