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From the Daily Times. A Massachusetts Freeman's Address to the Enemy of Oregon.

Give up your country! Who are you who dare her title deed to sever? Pause ere the guilty act you do, Let you be stamp'd with shame forever.

[Correspondence of the Public Ledger.] FROM WASHINGTON.

Great Excitement in the House—Mr. Ingersoll and Mr. Webster—Secret Service Money—Serious Charges against Mr. Webster—The Oregon Question—Mr. Clayton's Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, April 7, 1846. A most exciting debate occurred in the House this morning, which occupied the whole day.

I would not ask the indulgence of the House for my personal vindication; but the occasion involves the most precious privilege of members of this House, in which the people are represented.

All I rise to do is, to ask the House to indulge me with a word of explanation of some resolutions, to which I suppose there can hardly be objection.

According to good precedents and authorities, I am entitled to read these minutes to the House, without its leave.

These minutes will prove that Mr. Secretary Webster made known to members of that committee, by a written communication, the President's wish for a special mission to Great Britain.

The resolution for information from the Department of State will bring forth proof of Mr. Secretary Webster's misdemeanors in office.

Papers from the Department of State, some of them signed by him, will reveal the mystery of what one of his corrupt agents, in a letter to him marked private, applauds as Mr. Webster's new and admirable mode of settling the Northeastern Boundary question.

It is sickening, if not sad reality, that a man of fine abilities, as preposterously as profanely mis-called God-like, should be exposed in his mean and paltry contrivances and associations with notoriously base fellows.

When I spoke the offensive words of the Secretary, which appeared to have galled him to the madness generally betraying the guilty, I had no idea of the extent of his offence.

These papers, when made printed documents, will show also the application of some of the same secret contingent fund to the release of McLeod; and although Mr. Webster is reported to have said in the Senate that there was only one letter on that subject, three in one and the same day will appear.

Whether, when possessed of the proofs of Mr. Secretary Webster's malversation, corruption and delinquency, his offences will be deemed impeachable misdemeanors in office, conviction for which must remove him from the Senate, and disqualify him to hold any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States, will remain to be considered.

Should it be necessary to go to that extremity, the similitude will be wonderful with the great English lawyer, called by a poet, "the wisest and meanest of mankind."

It will be seen that the detection, if I am not mistaken, which my former disclosures may lead to, will merge my individual wrong, and calm the injustice done through me to the representative character, freedom and privilege of this House.

The following resolutions were then submitted. The proviso to the first, is the amendment, accepted by Mr. Ingersoll, alluded to in the debate which ensued.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be furnished to this House an account of all payments made on President's certificates, from the fund appropriated by law through the agency of the State Department, for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, since the 4th of March, '41.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the committee on Foreign Affairs submit to the House the journal or minutes of that Committee, during the last session of the 27th Congress.

Mr. Dromgoole advocated the adoption of the resolutions. Mr. Bayley, of Virginia, opposed the resolutions, though he did so, not from any particular feelings of friendship for Mr. Webster.

Mr. Hilliard also opposed the resolutions, and expressed his regret that a man who had illustrated the American name, as Mr. Webster had done, should have so few friends in this House.

Mr. Hilliard replied to M. Yancey. The previous question was here moved by M. McClelland, which was sustained, and the final vote being taken, resulted—yeas 126, nays 28.

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character of the secret service fund, and said that so far from being used for purposes of corruption, there was no fund more honorably appropriated, and with more advantage to the country.

Mr. Adams said that if the fund had been used by any Secretary of State for purposes of corruption, it must have been with the sanction of the President of the United States, who alone has the control of the fund, and is alone responsible for its expenditure.

Mr. Yancey contended that Congress had the power over the question; that they made the appropriation, and they had a right to know how it had been expended.

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