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## COMMUNICATION.

For the Herald & Expositor.

### DISCUSSION.

For two thousand nine hundred and thirty years, from the foundation of the art of Alphabetical writing, until the discovery of that of printing, the only means of multiplying the copies of any book was by the pen—a laborious and comparatively tedious process.

The substance on which the ancient writers were usually parchment, an expensive article, and difficult to procure in quantities equal to the demand. The parchment rolls were indeed durable, but still liable to be defaced by time.

In the business of civil government, what of importance is, or can be accomplished without the instrumentality of the press? It is hardly conceivable that the memorable revolution, by which our country became an independent nation, could ever have been effected, unless the public mind had been awakened, enlightened, and stimulated to vigorous and persevering action by the light which it shed upon society at large.

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## POLITICAL.

### SPEECH OF MR. BOND.

Of Ohio, on the Resolution to correct abuses in the public expenditures, and to separate the Government from the Press.

Delivered in the House of Representatives, April, 1838.

Mr. Bond said he rejoiced that the attention of the House and of the country was again invited to the subject of retrenchment and reform. He was aware that these terms had become somewhat hackneyed, and he almost feared that their frequent repetition here had rendered them trite and unmeaning.

Mr. B. said he wished gentlemen now in power to admit that they had amused, if not deceived, the people of this country with a mere "fancy sketch." If they would not make this concession, then he called upon them to specify any retrenchment or reform which they had accomplished.

You, Mr. Speaker, must be well aware that something more than this was promised. You professed, sir, to mean the party with which you act, professed to be moved by the purest and most sacred regard for the welfare of the people.

Was it really true, sir, that the expenditures of the Government were unnecessary or large? Had the President too much power, and was there necessity for restraining it? Was the patronage used for political ends, especially the patronage of the press?

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comprehended in the provisions of these bills, which might be advantageously regulated by law. Far from thinking that they have exhausted the subject, they believe that more can be done at this time than to lay the foundation of a system, to be followed up and completed hereafter.

Mr. Bond said that, notwithstanding a series of years had elapsed, and Mr. Bond and his friends had full power, the people had looked in vain for a superstructure on this "foundation of a system" of reform, which his famous report proposed to have laid.

Mr. Bond said he hoped the house would pardon him for reading from this report these passages, which so happily illustrate the growth and power of patronage: They were referred to for the purpose of sustaining the allegation which he had made, that the present dominant party professed to entertain serious fears for the perpetuity or security of our institutions and liberty.

Mr. Speaker, this Blue Book is indeed a "growing little volume," but it has grown more rapidly in the nine years of this Government, administered under the advice of Mr. Bond and his friends, than it did in double that time, before they came into power.

Mr. Bond said he would next point the attention of gentlemen to what had passed in this house on the subject of retrenchment and reform; and he regretted to find such marvellous discrepancy between the "sayings and doings" of "the party" on that subject.

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two, and pass from this report. The committee who made it consisted of Mr. Benton, Mr. Macon, Mr. Van Buren, Mr. White, Mr. Findlay, Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hayne, and Mr. Richard M. Johnson, all at the time the zealous friends of General Jackson, except, perhaps, Mr. Holmes. They urged the impropriety of appointing members of congress to office, and the expediency of providing against it.

From the moment they came into power, their report and professions are forgotten; and in four years they appoint more members of congress to office, than had been done in all the previous history of the government! They also told the country in that report, that the press, the post office, the armed force, and the appointing power, were the most dangerous portions of the federal executive patronage.

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change of men. I am surprised, Mr. Speaker, to find this resolution opposed by the administration. (Mr. Cushman) resists it on most extraordinary grounds. He admits abuses, but says it is impracticable to correct them, and therefore useless to pass the resolution.

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