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Mr. Calloum considered it a mere parliamentary move to get up a discussion of the bill before the consideration of the resolutions. The great point of the resolutions could not be obtained by action upon the bill. He could not be mistaken, and he desired first of all to settle the question involved in his resolutions—the nationality of Mexico. If his forbidding should be realized, he could beat the stability of our own government. He should make no acknowledgments of fealty to the administration; he should do what his judgment dictated at right, regardless of any administration.

M. Hale passed some criticisms upon the reference of the President, in his message, as to the taking of territory.

The question was then taken, when there were 19 ayes and 10 nays—the Vice President voting in the affirmative, the bill was taken up.

Mr. Morgan expressed the hope, that definite action might not be pressed. He concluded by moving that the Senate adjourn;

but waived it, at the suggestion of Mr. Cass, for the purpose of going into executive session; and after a brief session the Senate adjourned.

House.—A large number of memorials and petitions were presented, on various subjects.

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Mr. Gayle moved to lay the petition on the table.

Mr. Tuck asked for the yeas and nays; which were ordered, and being taken, resulted—yeas 86, nays 70. So the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Gaggin, the chairman of the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a joint resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to make an arrangement with the Richmond Railroad and Steamboat Company for transporting the mails, as formerly, to be allowed the highest rate of pay allowed to any other line for once-daily service; and that the pay line be compensated for a discontinuance of its service.

The resolution was committed to the committee of the Whig on the state of the Union.

Mr. Gaggin moved to reconsider the vote, in order to act on the resolution now. A debate ensued, in which he and Messrs. Botts and Brown, of Pa., took part.

Without coming to a conclusion on the subject, at 2 o'clock, adjournment took place until Monday next.

LATER FROM MEXICO.

Letters and papers to the 5th ult., from Vera Cruz, have been received. The dates from the Capital are to the 27th ult. The Mexican papers claim to have obtained an advantage over a party of Americans, who, having landed at Mazatlan, were resisted by the forces there all day, and again embarking.

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