

secret resolves. What surely hast thou given and friends during his absence, particularly of me? What, but the breath of thy mouth? his bosom companion and aged mother? Then shouldst thou in some unguarded moment die thousand deaths would have been tolerable.

art ensleyed--the Zerah's life would be the proylved his fate. Tongue cannot describe the feelings which were excited in our own borongh, venerable grand parents, from their present resting place, to the Capitol, I have this moment received. I give my most hearty consent to the removal of the remains of my great grandfather.

I have the honor to be,

With perfect respect, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE WASHINGTON P. CUSTIS

To the Hon. J. C. CALHOUN, Vice President,

and ANDREW STEVENSON,

Speaker of the house of representatives.

The senate then debated and passed the resolution of Mr. Holmes, calling on the sec. of the treasury for the reasons of the delay in transmitting to congress, the annual commercial report.

Mr. Grinnell then concluded his speech on the tariff, and the senate adjourned.

In the house of representatives, the appropriation bill was read third time and passed, by a vote of 130 to 58--Hon. Carr and McCarty voting in the affirmative. The same correspondence that was this day, laid before the senate, relative to the remains of Gen. Washington and lady, were presented. The bill for the

settlement of the South Carolina claims was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, by a vote of 130 to 47.

The house then went into a committee of the whole, and took up the pension, naval, fortification, appropriation and the naval arraignment bills; the blanks were filled up and the bills were then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

February 18.

In the senate, yesterday, the bill for the ap-

portionment of representatives, according to the 5th census, was read the second time, and re-

ferred to a select committee; Messrs. Webster,

Buckner, Hayne, Marcy, Tipton, Dallas and For-

yth, were chosen by ballot, said committee.

The consideration of the Tariff was resumed, the debate continued till the senate adjourned.

In the house of representatives, Mr. Branch,

reported from the committee on naval affairs, a

bill for the regulation of the navy, and private-

pension and navy hospital funds, which was read

twice and committed. Numerous private and

local bills were reported and committed. The

resolution for the painting, by Mr. Vanderlyn,

of a portrait of Washington, for the hall of the

house, was agreed to. Mr. Blair reported a

bill for the construction of a national road from

Portsmouth, Ohio, to a point south of the Lyn-

ville mountain, in North Carolina, which was

twice read and committed. The bill for the

settlement of the South Carolina claims, was

read a third time and passed. The committee

then took up the appropriation bill, which was

passed, and were also the other appropriation

bills and the naval arraignment bill. Mr. Bar-

bour gave notice that he should, on Thursday,

call up the Virginia claims bill. Adjourned.

February 20.

The senate did not sit on Saturday.

In the house of representatives, the resolution

from the committee on the public buildings, for

the execution of a marble statue of Washing-

ton, to be placed in the Rotunda of the capitol,

was taken, and passed by a vote of ayes 114-

nos 50. Various private bills were reported

and acted on, after which, the house, on mo-

tion of Mr. Carson, went into a committee of

the whole, eight in the chair, upon the bill

to compensate Mrs. Decatur for the destruc-

tions, by the gallant Commodore Decatur, of the

brigade Philadelphia, in the harbor of Tripoli.

The consideration of this well known case occu-

ped the house during the residue of the sitting.

The bill appropriates the sum of \$100,000 for

this purpose, and provides for its distribution a-

mong Mrs. Decatur, the widow of Commodore

Preble, and the officers and crew of the United

States schooner Intrepid, or their legal repre-

sentatives. Mr. Carson addressed the commit-

tee in support of the bill, and Mr. Tracy pro-

posed an amendment to distribute the sum accord-

ing to the provisions of the prize law, but the

amendment was negatived. Mr. Pearce moved

a further amendment, that \$10,000 of the \$31-

000 allotted in the bill to Mrs. Decatur, should

be paid to the widow of Commodore Decatur.

Upon this a long discussion ensued. Before a

decision was arrived at, however, the commit-

tee rose and reported, and the house adjourned.

February 21.

In the senate, yesterday Mr. Ewing con-

cluded his speech, on the subject of the tariff, in

favor of Mr. Clay's resolution and the protective

system. The appropriation bills from the house

for fortifications, for revolutionary and other

pensioners, for the naval service, and for naval

arrangements, were read twice, and, on motion of

Mr. Smith referred to the committee on Finance.

The bill from the House, providing for the set-

tlement of the claims of the State of South Car-

olina against the United States, was also twice,

and, on motion of Mr. Miller, referred to the

committee on military affairs. Mr. Miller, of

S. C., has the floor to day.

In the house of representatives, Mr. Everett

of Mass., presented a memorial from J. T. An-

dubon, the distinguished naturalist, praying that

his history of American birds may be impre-

ted free of duty. A variety of other memorials and

petitions were presented; and several resolu-

tions on the subject of private claims, were in-

roduced. The act of incorporation of the

bank of the United States, and the charter of the

old bank, were, on motion of Mr. Thomson, of

Ohio, ordered to be printed. Mr. Thomson, of

Louisiana, submitted a joint resolution directing

an adjournment from this day until Thursday,

in honor of the centennial birth day of Washington,

which was read a first, second, and third

time, and passed. Four engrossed bills were

read a third time and passed; and the bill to de-

fine the qualification of voters in the Territory

of Arkansas, was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill on the subject of relieving certain in-

solvent debtors of the United States, occupied

the attention of the house during the remainder

of the sitting.

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