

CONGRESS.

REPLY OF AN OFFICER OF THE ARMY TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE.

DEBATE.

On the Resolution for requiring the President to furnish to the House a list of the names of the officers of the Army...

(CONTINUED.)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12. Mr. ALSTON said it would be recalled by the House, that he had for some time taken no kind of notice of what had fallen from the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. HOWAN)...

express terms to the House of Representatives, the right of inspecting the same by any member of the House of Representatives, without including those of military description. The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. HOWAN) said that he had been told by the framers of the constitution...

now called on to preserve the sacred spirit of our institution, and to distinguish between the right of inspection and the principles which are to be maintained. He said that this House has no right to inquire into the private life of any officer of the Army...

the display of the powers of a warm imagination, or the production of a judgment, or the production of a conviction on the mind, justice to the public and to the country, and to the honor of the service. Mr. L. repeated that he only wished such measures should be pursued, and would respectfully request a proper enquiry, and would therefore submit a resolution...

Mr. LOYD. Being led back to the consideration of the original resolution of the gentleman from Virginia, the constitutional objection to the measure fully recurs. He had yielded Mr. L. to the fact that the modification given to the resolution of the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. HOWAN) had extinguished it from the constitutional objection...

But, said Mr. L., for what purpose? Is this resolution still pressed on us? It cannot be the direct purpose of having the terms of it complied with that is already done; there is of man in this House, who doubt, or pretend to doubt, but he is not so far from being right as he is not so far from being right as he is not so far from being right...

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But however satisfied he might have been on the constitutional ground, of the right of Congress to inquire into the question of commitment to members of their own body, as respected the resolution just introduced, he confessed he was opposed to it as inconsistent with the spirit of the constitution...

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