In crosing this communication, I ought not to rest a sensibility, in which you will unite, to the happy lot of our country, and to the goodness of a superintending Providence to which we are indebted for it. Whilst other portions of mankind are laboring unifer the distresses of war, or strug-gling with adversity in other forms, the United States are in the tranquil enjoyment of prosper-States are in the tranquil enjoyment of prosper-bus and honorable peace. In reviewing the scenes Speaker declared it had passed. Some through which it has been attaind, we cap rejoice members called for the ayes and noes, and in the proofs given; that our political institutions, some others asked that the vote just taken found. I in human rights, and framed for their preservation, are equal to the severest trials of year, as well adapted to the ordinary periods of repose. As fruits of this experience, and of the war, as well adapted to the ordinary periods of the repose. As fruits of this experience, and of the v unus al to discuss a Bill at the 3d read-reputation acquired by American arms, on the v unus al to discuss a Bill at the 3d read-land and on the we're, the nation finds itself poss-land and on the we're, the nation finds itself poss-sessed of growing respect abroad, and of a just to the question. Col. HAYNE objected strongly to the the and where minds are clastic and her to young men, whose bodies are ac-approbation. This secures jasuee to pledges for its peaceful career. Under other as peets of our country, the strongest features of its had thought proper to persoe. It had been flourishing condition are seen, in a population rap-the invariable custom to discuss the merits idly increasing, on a territory as productive as it of a Bill upon its second reading and never is extensive t in a general industry, and trand surprise. Mray of the friends of this bill, ingenuity, which find their ample rewards t and surprise. Mray of the friends of this bill, in an affuent revenue, which admits a reduction believing its principles settled, are now abis extensive t in a general industry, and fertile

ments, and of patronizing, in every authorised mode, undertailings conducive to the aggregate It retarins for the gear lians of the public wel-fare, to persevele in that justice and good will towards other rations, which invite a return of these scatiments towards the United States; to cherish illstitutions which guarantee their safety. and their liberties, civil and religious ; and to condine with a liberal system of foreign commerce, an improvement of the natural advantages and a protection and extension of the independent result sets of our highly favored and happy construct. In all measures having such objects my faithful co-operation will be afforded. JAMES MADISON.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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These resolutions having been reported by the

a select committee.

Mr. P. Barbour of Va. offered the following Resolution, which was however withdrawn on the gle improvement is worth the whole of the suggestion, that the Committee of Ways and old code, and the good it is calculated to Means would have it in their power to act on the produce must be evident to all who will give

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## STATE LEGISLATURE.

SKETCH OF DEBATE, in the House of Representatives .... Thursday, Dec.14.... on the third reading of the " Bill to amend the Militia Laws of this State."

The Bill was read, put to vote, and the Speaker declared it had passed. Some

means of su-mining the public coedit, of gradually sont, and its fate might thereby be jeopar-di charging the public delt, of providing for the dized. He should the more strongly object on the present occasion to the course parsid, not only as it regarded this bill, but evey other that mig I come before the Horse. in this way, the mombers may be called to vote at a moment not anticipated and the fate of a bill of the greatest importance to he community, put to hazard.

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Col. HAYNE objected strongly to the tive, and whose minds are clastic, and heat-public and the individual, while it guar-course which gentiemen opposed to the Bill had thought proper to pursue. It had been the invariable custom to discuss the merits of a Bill open its second reading and never open the third. The House is now taken by am willing your ensign should become a ma-from promotion by senjority, same Mr por-general if he gives evidence of other exist only in imagination. It gives to the merit than that of never letting go his hold. ficers the benefit of experience, of kno acrit than that of never letting go his hold. ficers the benefit of every department below t Another and no inconsiderable objection the duties of every department below t which Mr. M. said he had to the bill, was, appertaining to their compand. This which Mr. M. said he had to finneal. He most important advantage. This pra the exclusion of the right of appeal. He most important advantage. This pra considered it an inalienable right of our ci-obtains in the army of the United State

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MR. GLASSCOCK said, he rose not to make seniority will foist ignorance and ince shews in the clearest and most forcible converts to his opinions ; but to defend the tency into elevated situations. This MOUSE OF INPUTESENTATIVES.
 Mediandow, December 6.
 Ontrotion of Mr. Taylor. (of New-Vork) the means to be adopted for its importanting resolved itself into a committee of anoner, the means to be adopted for its importantity is introvement. If this golden opportunity is introvement, if this golden opportunity is which had been made by the gentle-in every change of office, his merits at which had been made by the gentle-in every change of office, his merits at which had been made by the gentle-in every change of office, his merits at man from Charleston. He was one who had merits run the gauntlet, and nothing in throw man for this discussion, and he felt it his dworth and talents can bring him throw our present system will not present them of the section of the section of the section and interest to force, antil war at the indifferent force, antil war at the indifferent is setting to oppose this? There is, therefore, every security for bit whenever it showed itself. Why read petency in office. On the whole view of the third time if we are not allowed to con-subject, such is our milita onder the more setteen, and some works, to not it works, to not for the work of the present system, and apply a remedy.

House consists of 124 members making 63 a to take A. B. and C. and these he d bare majority ; and yet we are told that the think qualified for high offices during voices of 54, on a former reading, must put or offices of any kind during war. Th

to silence 124 at this ! monstrous absurdity, plan, he said, had a machine for c Mr. G. had objections to the bill; from the down officers who were mere camber tyranny which characterised it. The right their place. He apprehended if this of appeal is inherent in every citizen; to de-prive him of it you wrest from him a valua-ble privilege. But worse than this, if worth they were standing in the way of set while to distinguish either by their " bad friends. "mineuce," is the clause which provides for the advancement of officers according to set jority.]

niority. This is utterly repugnant to our republican spirit, and altogether at variance with those habits and customs which time Of the Acts passed by the Legislature, at the bas familiarized and endeared to us. This

principle is shutting the doors " of honor and confidence" upon merit. It is erecting a parrier to stop the march of genius and en-tant General's Department shall conest of one

the patience of the house, but would very line, and that promptitude of action will brielly state the objections he had to the principles of this bill; the chief of which was the mode of advancing officers by se-mority, without regard to merit. This mode he believed repugnant to the feelings of the proople, inimical to their babits and institu-proople, inimical to their babits and institu-tions, and calculated to repress merit, and rights which belows to every childent

SUMMARY