

SENATE....No. 23.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Wells moves that the Resolves relating to the Removal of the Deposites of the Public Monies from the Bank of the United States, be amended as follows, to wit :

Insert after the ninth Resolution, the following additional Resolution.

Resolved, That the custody of the public money is committed by law to the Bank of the United States, unless the Secretary of the Treasury should otherwise direct : that in exercising his discretion upon withholding this custody, he acts in execution of a trust, for the due performance of which he is responsible to Congress alone ; and the recent conduct of the President of the United States, in assuming to control this discretion, and in dismissing one Secretary of the Treasury, because he would not submit to this control, and appointing a

successor who would act in accordance with his wishes, was an unwarrantable interference with duties confided to other departments of the Government, a flagrant abuse of the power of removal and appointment, and tends to establish a precedent, dangerous to the purity and perpetuity of our free institutions, against which, this Legislature, in behalf of the people of Massachusetts, hereby enters its decided and solemn protest.

Strike out all that part of the tenth Resolution between the words "Resolved," and the words "that the reasons."