

SENATE.....No. 29.

[Mr. Wells moves the following Amendment to his Amendment of the 5th instant.]

Strike out all after the word Resolved, and insert—

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, the Secretary acts in execution of a trust, for the due performance of which he is responsible to Congress alone, and that the President of the United States, in assuming to control this discretion, interfered with duties confided by law to other departments of the Government.

Resolved, That the conduct of the President of the United States in dismissing one Secretary of the Treasury, because he would not submit to his dictation on the subject of removing the Deposites, and appointing a successor who would act in accordance with his wishes in this respect, was an abuse of the power of removal and appointment.

MEMORANDUM

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