

RESOLUTIONS

OF A

MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OF CHESTER DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA,

*Opposed to the measures of the Executive in removing the Deposites
from the Bank of the United States, &c.*

JUNE 11, 1834.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the citizens of Chester district, South Carolina, held at the court-house, on Saturday, the 31st May, 1834, the following *resolutions* were unanimously adopted, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the removal of the public deposits from the Bank of the United States, by the President, was an assumption of power in violation of a fundamental principle of the constitution, which limits to Congress exclusive action and control over the public revenue.

2. *Resolved*, That the Bank of the United States having fulfilled all the conditions of the charter, the removal of the public deposits by the President of the United States was a violation of the public faith.

3. *Resolved*, That the removal of the deposits by the President from the Bank of the United States, for the use of which a valuable consideration had been given, was a direct violation of the right of private property.

4. *Resolved*, That the protest of the President, sent to, and arraigning, the Senate of the United States for its discussion and resolutions upon the removal of the deposits, is a violation of that provision of the constitution which expressly declares that, "for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place."

5. *Resolved*, That the pretension raised by the President in his protest, that the constitution has given to him the control of the public money, independent of Congress, is a bold and impudent claim to power which, if admitted and submitted to by the people, will be fatal to the liberties of the country.

6. *Resolved*, That it is the solemn conviction of this meeting that, so rapid has been the strides, and great the encroachments, of the Federal Executive upon all the other branches of the Government, that, if not immediately driven back to its appropriate limits, the constitution will be a dead letter, and our system will be an odious and irresponsible despotism, disguised in the forms of republicanism.

7. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this meeting that the Senate of the United States, by its decided reprobation of the usurpations of the Executive, and their spirited defence of the constitution in this hour of the greatest peril to our liberties, have faithfully discharged their duty as the representatives of the sovereign States, and are entitled to the highest confidence of their constituents.

8. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our Senators in Congress, to be laid before that body.

JOHN J. J. HOWARD, *Chairman*.

JOHN A. BRADLEY, *Secretary*.

A true copy from the original resolutions.

J. A. BRADLEY.