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FROM THE NATIONAL ADVOCATE.

CONGRESS HALL.

We noticed some time since in a good humoured way, a resolution offered by Mr. Patterson of this state, gallantly providing for the accommodation of Ladies, on the floor of Congress. We were however, not less sensible of the inexpediency of the proposition, though it did emanate from a worthy and esteemed Bachelor.

We are confirmed in our opinion by the following letter from an unknown correspondent at Washington, who with a lively pencil dipped in the colors of truth, has drawn an animated picture of a throng in the gallery of Congress, while with no inconsiderable talent and knowledge of the world, has pointed out that sphere of life in which women are best calculated to shine. A second letter, equal in merit to the first, we shall publish to morrow.—Returning our readers, and our own acknowledgments to the writer, for the gratification these letters will afford, and intreating their continuance, whenever leisure or inclination will permit.

To the Editor of the National Advocate.

You are right sir, perfectly right; sad effects would ensue were the ladies admitted on the floor of the House of Representatives. The laws of love would soon occupy more of the attention, than the laws of the land, & it would be much more of a drawing room, than a legislative hall. The experiment was completely tried, when through the complaisance of the Vice President, they were allowed seats in the Senate Chamber, and many days had not elapsed, before I believe he sincerely repented his courtesy.

It was such a charming lounge for the ladies, they were so well entertained, so politely attended to, and placed so advantageously for the exhibition of beauty, grace and fashion, how was it possible to resist the attraction? It was not possible, and many who would not have sat in the gallery to have listened to John Randolph or Apollo himself, would sit, hour after hour, morning after morning, listening to some of the dryest and the dullest speeches you have ever heard. Even the common routine of business had charms for them, for many hours were beguiled by conversation with the Senators, or their attending beaux. What Mr. Taylor, of your state said, had, I assure you, a great deal of truth, though but little gallantry in it. Young men and boys gained admittance by following in the female train, and not a seat was left for foreign ministers, for the members of the house, or strangers of distinction. One of the latter observed to me one day, that the senate chamber had very much the appearance of a theatre. The gay and splendid furniture, its form, its ornaments, the brilliant circle of beauty and fashion, enlivened by colors of every hue: fluttering of ribbons, flowers and feathers; the constant whispering, the frequent nodding, the perpetual smiling; the oranges and other refreshments; the ease, gaiety and animation of the scene, all combined, formed a *tout ensemble* the reverse of all he expected to have found in the senate of a republic. "I had never seen a Senate on the continent, said the young foreigner, and expected, on entering the hall of this venerable body, to have experienced emotions awful and sublime. I had imagined the senate of the American republic to have been like that of the Roman. I had read your history, the eloquence poured forth in defence of your liberties and rights, equalled in my fancy, the eloquence of Demosthenes and Cicero. Arriving on your shores, I hastened through your cities, to reach your capital, and feast my soul with the eloquence which I had so enthusiastically admired in books. I had pictured to myself a grave, austere, and venerable body, such as the conscript fathers of old. But, be not offended, I find what more nearly resembles a place of public entertainment." I assured him this was purely accidental, and if he was to visit the Senate when no ladies were present, he would find them as grave and serious as he expected, and I had no doubt his enthusiasm would revive. He shook his head. "From the little I have seen of your society, said he, I should imagine the ladies have almost as much political influence as in France; at least, they enter as warmly and as learnedly into political discussions. That married women, ladies of a certain age should thus mingle in such subjects, would not much have astonished me. I have been two much accustomed to this at Paris, where I have known matters of high moment determined, the orators who should take the floor, &c. &c. arranged in the drawing room of Madame de Stael, or other ladies of less consequence; but to hear single ladies, young misses just from school, argue, as I have heard them here argue, is indeed astonishing." "This Missouri question is peculiar, said I; it involves a point of humanity, in which women must as keenly feel, and therefore we must allow them as warmly to argue" Did you ever hear of the Roman matrons attending the debates of the Senate, or the Forum. I cannot say I do recollect an instance of the kind, replied I smiling. But you will allow that they had great influence in public affairs. Yes, but that influence was exercised at *home*, and on the minds of their husbands, I mean in the eye of republican purity, and in forming that of their children. You cannot imagine, continued he, how revolting it is in the eyes of a foreigner, to see your lovely young girls, squeezed into that horrid gallery, in the lower house, among all sorts of men. The first morning I attended, I would not believe my conductor, when he assured me, that two very gay and pretty young ladies whom I saw in the gallery, were women of family and reputation. Two, only two females, amidst, at least, I should imagine at least, a thousand men! for the house below, and the galleries above, was so crowded, that I know not if another person could have pressed in. And among such a crowd too, just behind these ladies, were a parcel of impudent looking fellows who took a pleasure in putting their feet on the bench on which they sat, and pushing their knees against their backs, saying "excuse me ladies; I cant help it, I am so pushed behind"; then winking at each other, as having passed a good joke. Not far off, were some of your black citizens, free or not, I cannot tell; and among this multitude, were some of your *red* brethren wrapped in their dirty blankets, which every now and then slipping off, exhibited naked limbs, that might have afforded a good study for a statuary or painter but not for female eyes. And then, the atmosphere the ladies breathe in that horrid gallery! Good Heavens, I should scarcely expect one of the fish-women of Paris to endure it. The heated air which rises from below, impregnated with the breath of at least 200 gentlemen, most of whom chew or smoke tobacco, must be inhaled, and if oppressed, these delicate creatures turn to catch a little fresh air from the openings in the gallery, they are assailed by the more intolerable exhalations from the throats of those in which whiskey, gin and tobacco mingle their perfumes."

Your observations on this *horrid* gallery are but too true, my dear sir, and I have often wondered how women, whom I knew to be the softened daughters of wealth and indulgence, on whom the airs of Heaven were not allowed to blow too roughly; women of real delicacy of habit, feeling and sentiment—I often indeed have wondered how they could endure such a situation. Seated in the front of the gallery, exposed to the gaze, often the licentious gaze, of the young members below, from which, if modesty would turn them away, it can turn, as you have described, only on a ruder evil. And if exhausted and overpowered, what are they to do? The gallantry of the members indeed have found a way of handing them refreshments, when the human map in the gallery was impervious. One day, Mr. Clay spoke. This being the case, handkerchiefs and little baskets full of oranges, cakes, &c. were fastened to the ends of long poles by persons on the *floor* of the house, and thus handed to the ladies. The amusement created by the various devices, the running to and fro for the refreshments, poles, handkerchiefs, &c. the watchers and whispers of the members, and pointing and nodding to designate the ladies for whom each was intended, the bows and smiles given in return, the throwing about of orange skins, and nut shells, and the waving of flowers, gloves, handkerchiefs, and feathers, might indeed have led you to fancy yourself in a Theatre. This was all amusing, but one day when I had attended one of the sweetest and most delicate little creatures you ever saw, my feelings were most cruelly tortured. She had been married but a few months, and had been reared in the very lap of luxury and tenderness; never before had she come in contact with the rude and vulgar; never before been exposed to public gaze. She had gone because it was the fashion, unknowing how or with whom she would be placed. Her party went early to get seats, and was wearied and exhausted before the orator of the day arose; till then the multitude behind her had sat still, but when he arose, they all started up; and every one, row behind row, pressed forward to see the speaker, and to hear more distinctly; then indeed did the ladies need shields at their backs,; those who had not a *beau* of their own must have suffered greatly, for I know, with all my strength, I could not keep off the pressure on my lovely charge. She bent as far forward as she could, and I, with my arm, endeavoured to shield and support her; not a breath of pure air could find its way through the consolidated crowd behind us; the floor below was almost as crowded, and the atmosphere almost as oppressive. I felt her tremble, then sink forward; I drew her back; she still breathed, but was pale as a corpse, and almost as senseless. I knew not what to do; I looked around in despair; no way of escape appeared, and all were wedged so closely that scarcely could any one move an arm. What was to be done? If she were dying I saw no possibility of removing her, for the seats behind rising like an amphi-theatre, made it more impracticable to hand her over the heads of the crowd than if they had stood on a level. An old lady who sat near, handed me a piece of orange, which she took from a little girl by her. I squeezed some of the juice in her mouth; a lady on the other side took her hand and rubbed it.—Oh, thought I, if pockets were but now in fashion, and the ladies had but smelling bottles! I was on the rack how to remove her, and at last pulling out a large silk pocket handkerchief, and borrowing another from a gentleman near, I tied them together, determining to pass them under his arms and let her down into the house over the gallery: but, after a while she ventured to eat the orange and refreshments procured for her, and with the aid of the lady next her, on whose shoulder she leaned, while I fanned her with my hat, she supported herself until five o'clock; and she had come at eleven! She was carried immediately from her carriage to her bed, to which she was long confined by the *sad consequences* of public exhibition.

But there is another circumstance, that seems more powerfully than any yet mentioned, to prove the gallery of Congress an improper place for women of character and delicacy.—It is because this place is the constant resort of women without character and delicacy. The same cause has banished modest women from many of our public walks, such as the state-house yard in Philadelphia, the Battery in New-York. The Battery in New-York! How do those words act like magic on my senses, and transport my soul back to that blissful period of existence when all was hope, and joy, and gladness! when the expanding of the heart was pure, fair and blest as the expanding of the rose! The Battery of New-York! Oh, it was there that the happiest moments of my life were passed; moments gone forever; moments swallowed up in eternity, but whose impression the lapse of many years has not effaced! How often after a close and sultry day have I called for my Mary, and reached this favorite walk e'er the glow of the setting sun had faded from the horizon, or its lustre from the waves. How delicious was the evening breeze after the heat of the day! At this hour we seldom met any one but the anxious merchant, who, with his spy-glass, eagerly watched each sail as dis-

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AGGREGATE amount of each description of persons in the UNITED STATES and their TERRITORIES, according to the Census taken in virtue of the Act of Congress of the 14th March, 1820, and the Act of the 3d of March, 1821....compiled from returns received at the Department of State.

CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	FREE WHITE MALES. Free white males under ten years.	to 16	FREE WHITE MALES BETWEEN SIXTEEN AND EIGHTEEN. to 18	Free white males of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families. to 26	Free white males of twenty-six and under forty-five, including heads of families. to 45	Free white males of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families. 45, &c.	FREE WHITE FEMALES. Free white females under ten years of age. to 10	Free white females of ten and under sixteen. to 16	Free white females of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families. to 26	Free white females of twenty-six and under forty-five, including heads of families. to 45	Free white females of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families. 45, &c.	FOREIGNERS NOT NATURALIZED.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN COMMERCE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURES.	SLAVES. MALES. Males under fourteen years. to 14	Males of fourteen and under twenty-six. to 26	Males of twenty-six and under forty-five. to 45	Males of forty-five and upwards. 45, &c.	FEMALES. Females under fourteen. to 14	Females of fourteen and under twenty-six. to 26	Females of twenty-six and under forty-five. to 45	Females of forty-five and upwards. 45, &c.	FREE COLOURED PERSONS. MALES. Males under fourteen years. to 14	Males of fourteen and under twenty-six. to 26	Males of twenty-six and under forty-five. to 45	Males of forty-five and upwards. 45, &c.	FEMALES. Females under fourteen years. to 14	Females of fourteen and under twenty-six. to 26	Females of twenty-six and under forty-five. to 45	Females of forty-five and upwards. 45, &c.	All other persons except Indians not taxed.	Total amount in each state and territory.	Representative numbers.
Maine	49,217	24,528	7,146	28,530	27,742	19,178	46,565	23,982	30,823	28,248	18,527	1,680	55,031	4,297	7,643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	298,335	298,335	238,935
New Hampshire	35,466	19,672	5,529	22,703	22,956	18,413	34,599	18,899	24,806	25,797	19,925	124	52,384	1,068	8,689	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244,161	244,161	214,161
Massachusetts	70,993	38,573	10,912	49,506	54,414	38,668	69,260	38,308	52,805	57,721	46,171	523	63,460	13,301	33,464	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	523,287	523,287	523,287
Rhode Island	11,530	5,860	1,767	7,596	7,618	5,888	10,917	5,769	8,407	8,671	7,157	237	12,559	1,162	6,091	2	1	1	13	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83,059	83,059	83,058
Connecticut	36,848	20,682	6,284	25,831	25,632	21,814	35,289	19,833	27,205	29,069	24,978	568	50,518	3,581	17,541	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	275,248	275,248	275,248
Vermont	35,708	19,241	5,860	24,137	22,035	16,189	35,327	18,577	24,713	23,683	15,256	935	50,951	776	8,484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,764	235,764	235,764
New York	222,608	104,097	29,598	132,753	138,634	81,259	216,513	101,904	132,492	129,899	72,385	5,101	60,951	9,113	60,038	1,861	932	671	1,544	579	1,065	3	9,369	8,869	6,673	6,067	1,372,812	1,372,812	1,372,812	1,372,812	1,372,812	1,368,775	1,368,775	1,368,775
New Jersey	42,055	19,970	5,956	24,639	24,418	18,537	39,921	19,504	25,637	24,693	18,633	1,529	40,812	1,830	15,941	860	917	628	592	1,285	1,036	36	233	13,550	6,089	1,039	974	2,305	2,764	4,379	10	31	284	277,575	277,575
Pennsylvania	175,381	77,059	23,961	102,550	97,144	64,493	166,716	78,425	101,404	94,345	59,522	10,728	140,801	7,083	60,215	1	18	65	3	2	3	13	331	1,422	330	118	67	2,248	700	585	1,057	275	86	93	1,468	1,049,398
Delaware	9,071	4,448	1,719	5,516	5,607	3,263	8,657	4,311	5,573	5,537	3,299	331	13,259	533	2,821	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	3,776	152	1,085	577	1,422	152	5,197	3,328	656	85	131	812	35	18	756	70,943
Maryland	41,511	18,952	6,261	26,404	27,916	16,960	39,454	19,578	27,293	26,347	15,807	2,142	79,135	4,771	18,649	1,844	837	135	979	611	9,369	233	21,748	7,829	5,666	2,812	1,317	3,011	3,347	1,116	3,548	1,217	3,756	3,568	2,685	7,857	4,461	4,752	3,914	1,065,366	1,065,366	1,065,366
Virginia	108,963	45,762	13,148	58,863	57,898	38,245	98,485	45,766	62,411	55,995	33,686	2,142	276,422	4,509	32,336	24,736	96,881	48,914	51,346	33,204	9,665	7,016	11,675	10,876	10,078	17,132	10,718	45,438	19,595	30,868	16,249	6,073	23,164	10,731	48,364	32,141	9,140	6,677	4,607	11,672	11,153	17,407	11,801	3,506	7,758	7,192	11,801	638,829
North Carolina	75,488	32,912	9,748	39,527	36,264	25,453	70,998	33,101	42,253	38,069	25,155	415	174,196	2,551	11,844	6,488	48,914	31,484	30,868	14,417	6,922	1,352	4,200	4,061	3,495	2,826	10,944	10,520	6,529	2,826	4,369	135	2,826	10,731	48,364	32,141	9,140	6,677	4,607	10,763	19,351	29,231	29,231	3,145	11,153	19,351	29,231	490,509
South Carolina (except Kershaw)	41,701	17,825	5,738	23,354	21,578	13,589	38,963	18,305	23,156	20,467	12,934	1,205	161,185	2,139	3,557	3,204	33,346	19,341	14,417	6,922	1,352	4,200	1,173	3,495	2,826	4,369	10,944	2,826	4,369	4,369	4,369	135	2,826	10,731	48,364	32,141	9,140	6,677	4,607	10,763	19,351	29,231	29,231	3,145	11,153	19,351	29,231	490,509
Georgia	35,444	14,743	4,215	19,483	17,874	10,860	33,177	14,937	18,642	15,365	9,041	453	101,185	2,139	3,557	3,204	33,346	19,341	14,417	6,922	1,352	4,200	1,173	3,495	2,826	4,369	10,944	2,826	4,369	4,369	4,369	135	2,826	10,731	48,364	32,141	9,140	6,677	4,607	10,763	19,351	29,231	29,231	3,145	11,153	19,351	29,231	490,509
Alabama	17,103	6,281	1,750	9,236	9,055	4,064	15,810	6,289	7,993	6,623	2,895	162	30,642	452	1,412	650	7,016	11,675	10,876	17,132	10,944	4,200	1,173	3,495	2,826	4,369	10,944	2,826	4,369	4,369	4,369	135	2,826	10,731	48,364	32,141	9,140	6,677	4,607	10,763	19,351	29,231	29,231	3,145	11,153	19,351	29,231	490,509
Mississippi	8,104	3,216	1,052	4,560	5,110	2,296	7,220	3,176	3,791	3,107	1,556	181	22,033	294	650	7,016	11,675	10,876	17,132	10,944	4,200	1,173	3,495	2,826	4,369	10,944	2,826	4,369	4,369	4,369	135	2,826	10,731	48,364	32,141	9,140	6,677	4,607	10,763	19,351	29,231	29,231	3,145	11,153	19,351	29,231	490,509
Louisiana	11,817	4,710	2,105	8,747	11,236	4,822	11,062	5,414	6,708	5,695	3,102	312	53,941	6,251	882	31,628	27,349	18,780	25,136	14,432	7,066	2,641	9,766	3,978	5,076	692	692	4,942	4,166	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802	1,802
Tennessee	67,746	28,497	7,472	31,928	27,349	18,780	27,770	13,635	31,569	27,931	15,638	529	161,919	7,617	11,779	41,328	38,178	25,136	57,008	31,626	14,072	5,755	6,622	2,909	1,130	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692
Kentucky	83,050	36,004	10,383	41,328	38,178	25,136	77,641	44,106	35,120	41,905	35,483	20,759	132,161	1,617	11,779	31,469	17,132	10,944	4,369	7,066	14,072	5,755	6,622	2,909	1,130	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692
Ohio	111,683	45,858	12,607	57,008	54,432	31,626	106,036	53,337	48,797	25,699	3,495	833	110,991	1,439	18,950	31,469	17,132	10,944	4,369	7,066	14,072	5,755	6,622	2,909	1,130	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692	692
Indiana	29,629	11,454	3,270	14,428	14,072	7,066	27,684	10,707	13,635	12,009	5,674	598	61,315	429	3,229	14,428	14,072	7,066	27,684	10,707	13,635	12,009	5,674	833	12,395	235	1,007	6,224	5,755	2,641	9,558	4,018	4,942	4,166	1,802	497	656	31	284	93	35	18	756	1,468	3,613	853	14,247	1,468
Illinois	10,554	4,227	1,313	6,224	5,755	2,641	9,558	4,018	4,942	4,166	1,802	497	12,395	495	1,007	6,537	6,622	2,909	9,766	3,978	5,076	4,265	1,902	656	284	93	35	18	756	1,468	3,613	853	14,247	1,468	3,613	853	14,247	1,468	3,613	853	14,247	1,468	3,613	853	14,247	1,468	3,613	853	14,247	1,468
Missouri	10,677	4,256	559	6,537	6,622	2,909	9,766	3,978	5,076	4,265	1,902	656	14,247	392	1,952	1,334	1,661	609	1,130	525	692	595	260	34	497	79	196	179	323	1,491	2,491	78	293	268	157	26	13	11	27	36	11	349	2,281	1,461	855	696	26	13	3	131	14,273
Territory of Michigan	1,220	559	152	1,334	1,661	609	1,130	525	692	595	260	34	1,468	196	179	323	1,491	2,491	78	293	268	157	26	13	11	27	36	11	349	2,281	1,461	855	696	26	13	3	131	14,273
Territory of Arkansas	2,430	985	329	1,427	1,455	686	2,142	900	1,179	426	34	497	3,613	79	179	170	671	133	852	487	66	139	128	4,265	595	157	21	71	855	696	26	13	3	131	14,273
District of Columbia	3,276	1,540	550	2,171	2,893	1,291	3,319	1,649	2,518	1,351	564	64	853	512	2,184	1,245	671	133	852	487	66	139	128	4,265	595	157	21	71	855	696	26	13	3	131	14,273
GRAND TOTAL	1,344,262	612,102	180,056	755,520	765,546	494,755	1,279,622	604,912	780,865	736,068	462,449	53,655	2,065,499	72,397	349,247	342,460	202,248	162,930	77,013	323,014	201,509	151,922	70,330	47,640	24,035	23,424	17,586	4,869	28,784	27,169	18,873	4,631	9,625,734	

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