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### Correspondence of the Bee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 1849.

In the House of Representatives, the bill appropriating three and a quarter millions of dollars under the Mexican treaty, was taken up in [illegible] of the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the debate ordered to be closed on Tuesday next. It afforded the opportunity for a discussion of the slavery question in its different aspects, which Mr. Wilson of N. H. and Mr. Bedinger, of Va., embraced at extremes, without approaching the merits of the pending proposition. This measure will be seized upon as the occasion for giving vent to feelings and opinions of such members as are candidates for re-election during the recess of Congress. The debate will therefore be personal, rather than public in its character.

Mr. Vinton succeeded yesterday in carrying through the House his bill creating a Home Department, by a vote which may be regarded as complimentary to his ability and efficiency. It is rumored out of doors that the Locofocos majority in the Committee of Finance will attempt to attach amendments for the purpose of returning it to the House and embarrassing its final passage under the belief that the measure may tend to embarrass the incoming administration. Whether the Senate will be governed by these narrow and selfish purposes, remains to be determined.

The creation of this department would leave a disposal with the President elect to add a new member to his Cabinet, for the bill seems to contemplate such a contingency by rating the salary of the Secretary with that of other Cabinet officers and by organizing the department from subordinate bureaus. The discretion of forming the Administration, both as to those who are to occupy seats and their number, is conferred exclusively on the Executive. General Jackson introduced the Postmaster General against all other usage, and any other President has the privilege of increasing or diminishing the members at pleasure. In the present case, if Gen. Taylor should determine to add the seventh member, it would enable him to select three Cabinet appointments from each of the great sections, assuming the existence of a slavery to be geographical one, and to offer Delaware the nominal balance of power between the extremes. This, however, will present a question for his decision after the passage of the bill.

Mr. Clayton was summoned to his residence in Delaware yesterday, by a telegraphic despatch, announcing that the remains of his son who recently died at Havana, had reached Philadelphia. The death of [illegible] will prove a severe affliction, [illegible] to the public and the painful emotions of the bereaved [illegible].

The message which Mr. Rockwell connected with so much labor and pains, proposing to create a Board of Commissioners for the Extinguishment of Land Claims in private claims, was defeated yesterday by a majority of 11, it [illegible] assuming it had been previously approved by Committee of the Whole by a decided vote. This result is to be regretted, inasmuch as the [illegible] of the Commissioners, both in reference to the claims to be adjudicated, and the interest of the Government, required the adoption of some system, such as that proposed. In every case, the bill was unguarded and defective, but it would have been better to pass it, assuming the existence of a majority in favor of some system, than to reject it, as it has been, by pampering [illegible] which the majority [illegible] Base coin to a amount of [illegible] The [illegible] Hamilton Smith, who [illegible] Representatives [illegible] Commissioner of Patents, [illegible] Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents [illegible] Congress [illegible] Mr. Bedinger [illegible] Mr. Wilson [illegible] Mr. Bedinger [illegible] Mr. Wilson [illegible] Mr. Bedinger [illegible] Mr. Wilson