

pro-slavery administration, fully endorsing and sustaining these opinions, the fact that he was pressed upon Mr. Buchanan by Southern men in Congress, for the first position in his Cabinet; and the further fact, that although his conduct as Governor of Kansas, seemed to merit the condemnation embraced in the Preamble and Resolutions, yet he was sustained, judging from newspaper accounts, by a large portion of the pro-slavery party of the Territory; and that too after he had been condemned by the Democratic Conventions of two, at least, of the Southern States. It was not to be expected that a man with such antecedents and thus sustained, would falsify the history of his political life by an act of treachery and faithlessness for which there was, seemingly, no adequate motive, for even one who had determined to abandon principle and look to unhal- lowed ambition only, for his reward. Under these circumstan- ces, your Committee, actuated by like considerations which prevailed in the House, when this Preamble and Resolutions were referred, were reluctant to condemn Gov. WALKER un- heard. They thought it but just to wait until all the facts connected with his course in Kansas were before them. He had a right to expect as much from Texas particularly, on ac- count of the decided course he took in relation to annexation, and the services rendered by him in that struggle. A legisla- tive body, acting with deliberation, could not do otherwise.— Your Committee will not disguise the fact, that in view of all the circumstances, a hope was indulged that a justification for his conduct might be offered which would be satisfactory.— They have waited patiently the result. The whole matter is before them, together with Mr. WALKER'S extraordinary let- ter, in which he attempts to justify himself; and upon this evidence they are fully prepared to condemn, in unqualified terms, the course he has pursued. They regard it as a direct