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WASHINGTON.

THE DISTRICT FRAUDS.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS RECKLESS EXTRAVAGANCE OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT—CONGRESS ASKED TO COME TO THE RELIEF OF THE PEOPLE.

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Knowing that we utter the sentiments of nine-tenths of the responsible portion of our people, we appeal to Congress to take charge of us, and establish for all time to come our true relation to it.

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salary of Treasury clerks, was relieved on Saturday by two unusually good specimens of "bumboonee" speeches. The first was by Hoister Clymer of Pennsylvania, who read a condensed and vigorous philippic against the Republican party for its well-known sins, both of legislation and administration...

Judge Kelley, with his accustomed readiness, threw himself into the rhetorical breach, and flung at his colleague an eloquent denunciation of James Buchanan's Administration, with Jacob Thompson, Isaac Toucey, and Howell Cobb all brought in, that sounded like a reminiscence of the campaign oratory of 1860.

For some reason, Mr. Clymer felt called upon to defend Jacob Thompson against the charge of bond-stealing. There was never a man of stricter integrity, he insisted, and he remarked with unnecessary severity that his colleague would have to get above his present grade to take a horizontal view of Thompson's character.

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