

"The plan hinted at in this extraordinary letter, to be executed under the auspices of the British, is so capable of different constructions and conjectures, that your committee at present forbear giving any decided opinion respecting it; except that to Mr. Blount's own mind, it appeared to be inconsistent with the interests of the United States and of Spain, and he was therefore anxious to conceal it from both. But, when they consider his attempts to seduce Carey from his duty, as a faithful interpreter, and to employ him as an engine to alienate the affections and confidence of the Indians, from the public officers of the United States residing among them; the measures he has proposed to excite a temper which must produce the recal or expulsion of our superintendent from the Creek nation; his insidious advice tending to the advancement of his own popularity and consequence, at the expense and hazard of the good opinion which the Indians entertain of this government, and of the treaties subsisting between us and them, your committee have no doubt that Mr. Blount's conduct has been inconsistent with his public duty, renders him unworthy of a further continuance of his present public trust in this body, and amounts to a high misdemeanor. They therefore, unanimously, recommend to the Senate an adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That William Blount, esquire, one of the Senators of the United States, having been guilty of a high misdemeanor, entirely inconsistent with his public trust and duty as a Senator, be, and he hereby is, expelled from the Senate of the United States."

The report was adopted, { Yeas 25
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The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Bingham, Bloodworth, Bradford, Brown, Cocke, Foster, Goodhue, Gunn, Henry, Hillhouse, Howard, Hunter, Latimer, Laurance, Livermore, Martin, Marshall, Read, Ross, Rutherford, Sedgwick, Tattnell, Tichenor, Tracy, and Vining.
Mr. Tazewell voted in the negative.

So it was

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~~On this, Mr. Butler, in behalf of himself and Mr. Thomas Blount, the other surety, surrendered the person of William Blount, the principal, to the Senate, and requested to be discharged from their recognizance. Whereupon,~~

On motion,

Ordered, That they be discharged from their recognizance, and that the Secretary enter an endorsement on the back of the bond, as follows:

"And now, to wit, on this 8th day of July 1797, the Honorable Thomas Blount and Pierce Butler, esquires, came into the Senate and surrendered William Blount, esquire, for whom they became bound yesterday."

On motion,

Resolved, That William Blount be taken into the custody of the messenger of this House, until he shall enter into recognizance, himself, in the sum of one thousand dollars, with two sufficient sureties, in the sum of five hundred dollars each; to appear and answer such articles of impeachment as may be exhibited against him by the House of Representatives, on Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th instant, proposing an adjournment of the two Houses on Monday the 10th instant; and,

Resolved, That they do concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives therewith.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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The bill sent from the House of Representatives for concurrence, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Lewis," was read the second time.

On motion,

To agree, by unanimous consent, to dispense with the rule, and that this bill be now read the third time,

It was objected to.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives therewith.