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IMPEACHMENT OF *JUDGE CHASE.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

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The Tribunal having closed on both sides,

MR. EARLY rose, and addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President, There is no attitude, in which the government of this nation can be viewed, more completely demonstrative of the efficacy of its structure, than that in which it is now placed. We are now occupied in an act well calculated to fill the practicability of its principles, and to prove their benefit or detriment to the condition of that country over which they are at liberty to do so. There is presented before this great Court of national judicature, a highly important officer of the government, charged with acts violative of four of its leading and most essential principles. An officer who has been clothed with the function of administering to a great and rising people the blessings of freedom in their multiform relations, the object against which charges of this serious nature are contained. He finds charged with a violation of our liberties, and with testing at nought the most holy obligations of fealty. He finds charged with perverting the high judicial functions of his office for the purposes of inhuman oppression, and of thinning the pure crimson of justice by political party spirit. These charges are brought upon resolutions which have passed in review before an enquiring world, and which in the eliminations of the representatives of the American government have call a full response on their behalf to the charges of the violation of rights of their liberty, and for the fine support of their most sacred rights. It is here they shall enter the conscience of the nation. It is here they shall draw its public judgment.

The full article, preferred by the House of Representatives in support of their impeachment, charges a conduct upon the respondent, which strikes at one of the soul vital principles of the constitution of this nation; the right of trial by an *impartial jury*." It ought not to be forgotten that the declaration of this right was one of the bulwarks for which the people of this country were to the field of every danger all that was dear. Not ought it to be forgotten that the security of this right formed the grand fulcrum of the whole federal constitution. "In all criminal trials the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district."

The relative rights of judges and juries have been periods of public anxiety, they seem to little understood, and the limits of each so indefinitely marked, that the function of the tribunal and jury trial were left much at the mercy of *arbitrary and overbearing judges.* But the security of public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district."