in the session remove every subordinate office therefore, that the Senate, they have to do with the advice of the Vice President only during the session. In that I may be mistaken; but I am informed that such is the fact.

Mr. BRIGHT. It will allow me, perhaps it would add to his argument to read the resolution of the Senate on this subject.

Mr. POWELL. It is apparent, then, that he has stated the principle. If this resolution and these amendments were to take place, the location every subordinate office could be removed. I will say to the Senator from Illinois, that it is not, and is not, my purpose to prevent, in any manner or form, the Republican Administration from possessing itself of the Senate, as I am not specifically mine; but I have a right, as a Senator, to speak for the Chamber from this act of bringing untenable party questions in relation to the action of its offices, for the first time into the Senate Chamber. I did not wish those gentlemen, for many of whom I have the greatest respect, to be guilty of the burning disgrace, and in my judgment, leading sham, upon the Senate and the country. For that reason, and for that reason alone, I perhaps have exhibited some zeal upon the subject.

Mr. JOHNSON. Quite a number of nominations have been made by the President, and are now lying upon the Secretary's table. I will renew the motions to the Chamber and officers, for the purpose of disposing of that business.

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Mr. HALE, for the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper, and Mr. DUSKIN.

Mr. HALE. As the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. HOWE] is in the midst of an unfinished business, the Sergeant-at-Arms among the President's letter to the Senate, I move that this resolution, for the present, lie on the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. If there be no objection, the course will be taken. It will be on the table.

Mr. DUNCAN. I think there is no further debate on the subject.

Mr. POWELL. I have leave to offer a resolution before the Senator from Wisconsin.

Resolved, That the President be requested, if it be in his opinion, or impulse, necessary to retain the Senate, to communicate to the Senate the dispositions of Major Robert Anderson, in the War Department during his time there, and to command Fort Sumter.

I regard this matter as one of the most important matters in the country.

Mr. DUSKIN, on the 12th instant, relative to the Senate, in the seceding States.

I do not consider my position as one of the most important matters in the country.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

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