The were events of much interest in the old Senate Chamber on the 4 of January 1859 the galleries wear filled and the floor much crowded - Senator Critlenden ask to bee indulged in a few Words -

Vice President Breckenridge delivered a long address reviewing the formation and history of the Government, after this address the Senate ~~proce~~ preceded by their President and other offeres, formed a procession and March to the new Chamber the Vice President took his Chair and Called the Senate to order on the removal to the new Chamber the Galleries wear Crowded -

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The Old Senate Chamber
and Relics

I went but a few days ago
and stood in the Places
where the desk and Chairs of Webster
Clay Calhoun. Benton Cass. Hayne
were. Where in the Old Chamber
Clay and Webster sat on the left
of the Presidency Officer. Benton
Calhoun Cass and Hayne were on
the right. The only alteration
is in the removal of the Strangers
Gallery, that has been taking
away and a large Glass
Chandelier which hung in the
Center

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Many a day and night have I
Spent in it Sacerate Walls -
When a Messenger I had Charge
of the Senter door of the Senate
have seen the Sun Rise and
Set, and rises, - With out living
My Poest, While the ~~[illegible]~~
Compermise measures was under discussion
the Same desk and Chairs that
war yours then or now yours
in the new Senate Chamber
When ever there is a new State
admitted in the ~~[illegible]~~ Union
ther is two new desk and Chairs
Made of the Same paterian

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The New Senate Chamber and Senators

We came over in 1859. March 4 January in a body, Mr Brackensdge was Vice President, When the Senate had taken their Seats he ~~arrived~~ could then to order and proceed with the ~~and Maid an address, which is~~ bisness of the Senate ~~published in the Journal of the Senate~~ it is mutch larger than the Oeld one, pleasenter to speak in and a comedates abot, twelve hundred person, I have seen Said Seeanes with in it walles seen after the Senate came over the {Rebellion} rebealy brock out

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(2) Senator after Senator arose (1)
from their Seats, and left
never again to return, Mason
Slided, Toombes, and a houest
of outher Southern Senator, I shall never for
get the Appeal, that Senator Johnston
of Tennessee Made to them to remain
it was one of his grates Apportes
of his life, but it had now
affect, goe they would, in a few
day after the Seats on the Democrate
Side, of the Senate looked disorted,
every thenk about the Senate
was gloomy. Still the bisness of
the Senate went over, and Struggled
throw it all, now every State
in this glorious Union has
two Senator, and the Country
is Saved, part of what has transpired

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as the Senator from
Alabama, Mississippi and
Florida were about to
retire from the Senate
all the democratic Senators
crowded around them and
shook hands with them
Messrs Hale and Cameron,
were the only Republican
Senator that did so. ——