

EXCITING DEBATE IN THE SENATE—SENATOR SUMNER WHIPPED!—In the Senate, on the 20th inst., Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts—who disgraces the seat once occupied by Daniel Webster—delivered himself of a long and studied harangue on Kansas affairs, in which he spoke in the most offensive terms of President Pierce, Senators Douglas and Butler, and of slaveholders generally. He characterized the Kansas-Nebraska act as a great "crime," and held these gentlemen, together with the Democratic party, responsible for it. It was a speech full of abuse of his brother Senators—full of the vilest and most dangerous appeals against the domestic institutions of the South, and calculated only to increase the strife between the two sections and lead to disunion and civil war. Mr. Cass characterized it as the most "~~anti-American and unpatriotic~~" speech he had ever heard; Mr. Douglas followed, denouncing Sumner in the severest terms as an enemy to the Union, and holding him up in his true colors before the country; and Mr. Mason, of Va., concurring with Judge Douglas, regretted that Senators were required by the circumstances of their position to have personal intercourse with a man like Sumner, so lost to all decency, honor, and truth. Sumner retorted in the bitterest terms, and here the debate closed.

But the meanest feature in Sumner's conduct was his attack on Judge Butler, of South Carolina, who was absent. This was the conduct of a coward—Judge Douglas told him what he would do when Judge Butler returned—"he would slip to his seat, whisper a private apology, and beg him to accept that in lieu of a public one." But we give the account as we find it in the papers, of the chastisement which Sumner received at the hands of Mr. Brooks, of S. C., the nephew of Judge Butler:

Whipping the Insulting Yankee Abolitionist.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—To-day, immediately after the adjournment of Congress, while Mr. Charles Sumner, Black Republican Know-Nothing of Massachusetts, was still in the Senate Chamber, he was approached by Mr. Preston S. Brooks, Democratic member of the House of Representatives from South Carolina.

Mr. Brooks, accused Sumner with having slandered his grey-headed relative and friend, (Senator Butler of S. C.,) and immediately struck him with his cane. Sumner fell to the floor, and Brooks repeated the blows till he deprived Sumner of all power of speech. No one interfered to prevent the whipping, until Brooks felt satisfied he had given the cowardly yankee a thorough caning. This being very satisfactorily effected, Sumner was taken to his room. It has not yet been ascertained whether the blows are dangerously serious, but one thing is certain, Sumner finds himself in a sore skin.

Later Accounts of the Whipping of Senator Sumner.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The whipping given to Senator Sumner, of Mass., by the gallant Brooks, of S. C., is all the topic of the District of Columbia. The graceful, cool, and effective manner in which the insulting Yankee was used up, amuses all, and some feel sympathy for him as he showed no kind of pluck, but allowed himself to be beaten "anyhow."

Some of the eye-witnesses say that Brooks struck Sumner as many as fifty blows with his cane, mainly on the head. The latter seemed terribly prostrated, and was sitting in an arm chair when the attack was made on him. In due time Brooks was arrested.

This afternoon Mr. Brooks appeared before Justice Hollingshead, and was held to bail in the sum of \$500, for his appearance to-morrow (Friday,) to answer the charge.

The latest accounts are, that Mr. Sumner is better, and was expected to resume his seat in the course of a day or two. It will be seen from the following that this whipping has stirred up Boston:

Sympathy for Sumner in Boston.

BOSTON, May 23.—The attack on Mr. Sumner, yesterday, creates much excitement here and throughout the State. The indignation is general and irrespective of party. The first account was read in the House of Representatives yesterday, and caused much excitement. It is not improbable that some public action will be taken this morning. A rumor that Sumner was dead gained credence and caused intense anxiety.

In the House of Representatives this morning, Mr. Temple, an "American," offered an order that a joint committee be appointed to consider what action should be taken in reference to the assault made upon Senator Sumner. The order was unanimously adopted. A committee was appointed on the part of the House, and the order sent to the Senate for their concurrence.

A public meeting of the citizens of Boston has been called for this evening to consider the matter.