EXCITING DEBATE IN THE SENATE.—Senator Sumner was heard.—In the Senate, on the 20th inst., Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts—who disregards 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 and calumny, full of the vileness and most dangerous appeals against the principles of the South, and calculated only to increase the stove between the two sections and lead to sectional and civil war. Mr. Cass characterized it as the most “anti-American and unpatriotic” speech he 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., concluding 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 reported in the bitterest terms; and here the debate closed.

But the most notable feature of 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 the account as we find it in the papers.” But no such account was ever received by the Senate. 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, of Massachusetts, was seated in the Senate Chamber, he was approached by Mr. Preston S. Brooks, Democratic member of the House of Representatives, of S. C.

Mr. Brooks accosted Sumner with having enslaved his gray-headed relative and friend (Senator Butler of S. C.), and Mr. Sumner, in return, accused Mr. Brooks with having whipped his color. The two men then rose, and Brooks walked behind Sumner, seized him by the rear, and forced him to the floor, and Brooks repeated the blows he had inflicted upon him. Sumner now rose, and tried to escape, but Brooks, leaping upon his back, in the wildest excitement, said he would whip Sumner until he was “whipped to the very quick.”

The House of Representatives, in which Brooks’s seat was assigned, was in session, and the Speaker adjourned it until the next day. Brooks then threatened to whip the Speaker until he was “whipped to the quick.”

Some of the eye-witnesses say Brooks struck Sumner several times, and then continued to strike him. The latter seemed to be exceedingly roar-hated, and was sitting in an arm chair when the attack was made on him. In “dreadful excitement, he fell to the floor. Some of the eye-witnesses say Brooks struck Sumner several times, and then continued to strike him.

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 Boston:

Sympathy for Sumner in Boston.

Boston, May 23.—The attack on Mr. Sumner, yesterday, excited considerable public excitement. The indignation is general and irrespective of party. The first account was read in the House of Representatives yesterday, in which it was stated that some public action will be taken this morning. Mr. Sumner was said to be danger greatly excited and was expected to consider what action should be taken. A committee was appointed on the part of the House, and the order sent to the Senate.

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