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The investigation before the Committee of the Senate, concerning the publication of the Treaty and Documents in the N. Y. *Herald* and *Journal of Commerce*, has proceeded thus far without bringing the offender to light. But the inference from the testimony already taken, as well as the corroboration of irresistible incidental facts, fixes the guilt unmistakeably upon the Secretary of State. On Friday, the Committee was enlarged to five. Mr. Badger withdrawing in consequence of his regular presence at home. It now consists of Messrs Bradbury, Cameron, Westcott, Davis and Hannegan—Democrats, Whigs, Anti-Masons and Locofocos. On Sunday, Mr. Nugent, the correspondent of the *Herald* who furnished the papers, was again examined, without elicting any further intelligence as to the source from which they were obtained. He exonerated the Senate and its officers most emphatically, but declined to answer the leading interrogatory. A report will be submitted to the Senate to-day, when further action will either be ordered, or the investigation will be abandoned.

It is quite clear from what has already transpired, that the Committee cannot succeed in extracting the direct evidence of the offending party, and since the Senate has been thus restricted, there is a disposition to close the proceedings. They cannot affect a culprit out side of their own body, and the public generally will be led to think, or to say, that the Locofocos, or Democrats, generally, dislike Henry Stanton and his friends, and that the Treaty and its publication, are only a pretext for the exercise of the vindictive spirit of the majority. Whatever may be the result, the publication will not be without its use. It will show the majesty of the Senate, and the power of the Press, which were created and ordained by the Constitution to act upon the majesty and power of the people. It will show that the Senate, and its officers, are not amenable to the public gaze, and that the Press, which was created for the purpose of exposing the secrets of the Senate, are placed under no control, but good or bad, are left to work out its accountability, just as has been every one of its predecessors.

The relations between him and one of the employees of the *Herald* paper, are perfectly creditable to the parties concerned. The information from the Department, which has found its way to the columns of the *Herald*, was given for publication, and the facts were published in good faith. The extraordinary pains taken to find out the author of the publication, by Mr. Bradbury, were a waste of time and money. The information could not, in the nature of things, have come from any other source than the Department. The Treaty was published without any exception, in all cases of importance, and would remain so, on account of the publicity and the interest of the subject. The publication of the Treaty, and the Proclamation, could not, in the nature of things, have been prevented, without a violation of the Constitution, and a violation of the rights of the people