

individual, or other, could be absent at the time, the next session should pass the law of duty of the assembly, which, on his return, he might be able to serve his original tour, and his substitute exempt from his succeeding regular tour of duty.

NOTE.

It appears from the following extract from a speech of Mr. Madison, in the Debates of the Virginia Convention, that he had a prophetic view of circumstances which would induce a majority of States to support Virginia against the *carrying States*. See also the speeches of Mr. Nicholas in that Convention, and the *essays* in the *Federalist*, written by Mr. Madison.

Extract from debates in Virginia Convention,—Richmond Ed. p. 224.

I will not sit down till I make one more observation on what fell from my honourable friend. He says, that the true difference between the states lies in this circumstance—that some are carrying states, and others productive, and that the operation of the new government will be, that there will be a plurality of the former to combine against the interest of the latter, and that consequently it will be dangerous to put it in their power to do so. I would join with him in sentiment, if this were the case. Were this within the bounds of probability, I should be equally alarmed, but I think that those States which are contradistinguished as *carrying states*, from the non-importing states, will be but few. I suppose the southern states will be considered by all, as under the latter description. Some other states have been mentioned by an honourable member on the same side, which are not considered as *carrying states*. New-Jersey and Connecticut can by no means be enumerated among the *carrying states*. They receive their supplies through New-York. Here then is a plurality of non-importing states. I could add another if necessary. Delaware, though situated upon the water, is upon the list of non-carrying states. I might say that a great part of New-Hampshire is so. I believe a majority of the people of that State receive their supplies from Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, and Connecticut.—Might I not add all those states which will be admitted hereafter into the union? These will be non-carrying states, and will support Virginia in case the *carrying states* will attempt to combine against the rest.