sufficient numbers of native Americans to do our work, as far as physical force is concerned. The second interpretation given to this remark—that we are a nation of foreigners, dearly beloved citizens. How far the Gentleman
may be correct in assuming your lie, or this house, owes to this belief,
I will not say, but I do say that, disclaiming all pretensions to being
aboriginals, we have ever since become a separate people, laid a claim
and I think not a weak one, to nationalism individually.
We are asked if we could not fasten, in suspending some particular
degrease in the interests of immigration, some hardship of speech, which
would sacrifice public goods to private interests. Now the Gentleman intended
to justify his position, we have not been told, and I fancy that it
would require a fertile imagination to supply sufficient data. With a
see how these foregoer may become the instruments of public patronage
of see how party spirits, which undoubtedly is too valuable in our Country, may
our day promote, to direct a wave of immigrants, as will endanger in an
imminent degree the stability of our government. Important public relations
are to a great number of our Citizens, great disinterested, and when once
in possession of those we are not to be surprised if major measures are taken
by the occupiers, especially when so easily used, to attain their offices and
their power. A thousand maneuvers, based upon uncertainty, are employed by
candidates and voters, and thus bad men may retain power, and the
more honest be excluded. In this way I see how public goods may be
sacrificed to private interests, and in this way I see how unscrupulous designs
may be charged upon the support of immigration.
It is thought that immigration will expel slavery from our lands,
and thus rid the south of the greatest disadvantage under which its people
labors. As we saw go farther than I, in teaching the unlawful abolition
of slavery. I believe it to be an institution evil which affects this south
more vitally than any other, an institution that should never have