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King Caucus Resisted.

The disputes in Congress are shown in various branches of the government to resist the tyranny of that imperious monster, Caucus, when his demands are altogether unreasonable and inconsistent, by considerations of public good. For this independence the people owe their thanks to those members of the dominant party who are firm enough to prefer their duty to the service of their party to the arbitrary directions of some of their associates who assume a right to speak for the whole party. This disposition was shown in the Councils and in the public hands of departments. Caucus declared that Mr. Frederick Graff, Chief Engineer of the Water Department—a gentleman of science and reputation, in whom all have confidence—should be deposed, and that Mr. Samuel Ogden should be elected instead. Mr. Ogden is a practical mechanic, but it has not been asserted that he is a scientific engineer, or that as such he possesses the services which Mr. Graff, and which are most necessary for the superintendent of the important works of the city. Yet Caucus declared against Mr. Ogden, though he was not a pure, unadulterated, bowing Democrat. He was not a Know-Nothing. The latter party tried hard to displace him last year, but were defeated by a great body of Democrats and old line Whigs. Mr. Graff politically represented the latter section, and the present majority has been in power by the aid of old line Whigs. Mr. Graff ought to have been a matter of policy and gratitude. The more independent and sensible members of Congress felt this, and they resolved to disregard the claims of Caucus. Fifteen of them did so, and, although Mr. Graff was not elected, those who stood by him deserve credit for having preferred their duty to the public to the unauthorized attempt made to control them by their associates.

The new members of the Board of Health have also had a wrestle with Caucus, in which the latter was thrown and badly wounded. According to rumor, some of the nominations agreed upon by Caucus were scandalous and not to be borne. If ratified by a section, they would be a blot upon the community, with gross of disproportions. Attempts made to induce Caucus to be reasonable, were in vain. He was absolutely inflexible and not to be moved. Some of the parts of the city were well enough, but their faulty to Caucus raised them. The result was that a number of Democrats, who believed to their duty to elect unsanctioned men to the offices in the gift of the Board, combined with the minority and killed Caucus outright. Of ten Caucus nominees, but two were elected. This punishment was just. If Caucus had been selected for all the posts, there would have been no difficulty. Politicians generally do not like to set themselves up in opposition to their own friends. It requires great strength of character to be necessary to remove the origin of this impolicy. The struggle, from Caucus, is a real one, and not a moment is to be wasted. The Board of Health and the Superintendent of the Works are the great men in that department, and their residence, in proof that the influence must be very great to bring out a new street.