

HORRIBLE IMMORALITY.—Not long since, Mr. Brooks of N. Y. attempted an exposure of gross and shameful immorality in the Printing Bureau of the Treasury Department. He thus created tremendous excitement and indignation among the Republican members, and they made such confusion and disorder in the House that Mr. B. could not be heard, and through their persistent efforts to prevent his exposure of the disgusting practices alluded to, he was compelled to take his seat. But in spite of all the efforts of the Republicans to conceal them, the horrible immoralities practiced by high officials in the Department, are likely to be fully exposed. It is stated that affidavits and witnesses are ready to testify that, in addition to gross frauds, a regular system of prostitution is carried on in the female bureau of the Treasury, with the connivance of its band of officials, and that a code of morals exists, degrading to women as it is repugnant to decency, and calling for the brand of infamy on these at the bottom of it.

Recent developments are showing who are "at the bottom of it"—that they are the highest officials in the Bureau. On Friday last, Spencer M. Clark, Superintendent of the Printing (money) Bureau, was arrested, charged with aiding in procuring abortion resulting in the death of the woman. She was one of his "clerks," and the victim of his passions. Her name was Maggie Duvall. It is stated that after taking various medicines to "conceal her shame," she was taken to Philadelphia by Enoch Lewis, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and was there operated upon to produce abortion. From the result of the operation she died. Clark is under arrest, and of course Lewis will be arrested. Whether Lincoln will interfere with the court and hold that "military necessity" requires that his officials shall be allowed to commit such horrible and disgusting crimes with impunity, remains to be seen.

We desire to call particular attention to the fact that the whole Republican party in the House resolutely opposed the effort to expose these infamous doings and to bring the perpetrators to punishment. It should be borne in mind also that these infamous men still retain their high positions. In view of such facts, it will not surprise us to hear that the whole band of "political priests" and "war clergy" have come out with zealous pulpit approval and justification of these men and their conduct. Such conduct is one of the natural results of this "holy war" and of the principles inculcated by the press and the pulpit in the interest of the ruling party, for years past.