

# National Legislature

15TH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION.

## SENATE.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14.**—Mr. Benton presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Missouri, on the subject of a trade and intercourse between that state and the internal provinces of Mexico.

The petition prayed—  
1st. That the right of an unmolested passage for persons and property, upon a designated route, between the frontiers of Missouri and the internal provinces of Mexico, might be obtained by treaty stipulations from the Indians referred to.

2d. That a military post and an Indian Agency might be established on the Arkansas river, at the point of the intersection of that river, by the proposed route. Upon the motion of Mr. Benton, the petition was referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

The following resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Holmes, of Mo., was taken up and adopted, after amending it, by striking out the word "Eastern":

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the more effectual protection of the revenues of the Eastern frontier of the United States.

The following resolutions offered yesterday by Mr. Barton, were also adopted:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of establishing a fort at some suitable point on the usual trading route between the state of Missouri and the Mexican states, for the protection of that commerce.

*Resolved*, That the committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of exposing to public sale the lead mines and salines of the United States.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15.**—On motion of Mr. Hayne, it was ordered, that so much of the President's message as relates to making a suitable provision for General La Fayette, be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members.

On making this motion, Mr. Hayne said, it was not his object that the committee should act immediately upon it, but merely to obtain information, because he believed that the House of Representatives would very shortly take the subject into consideration.

## ROADS AND CANALS.

The resolution, offered yesterday by Mr. Brown, of Ohio, providing for the appointment of a committee on Roads and Canals, was taken up, and, on the question, Will the Senate agree to this resolution?

Mr. Chandler observed, "that he was one of those who believed that Congress had no right to legislate on this subject; that it was, in his opinion, unconstitutional; and therefore, said he, I have risen barely to raise my voice against the resolution, and to express my determination to vote against it."

Mr. Ruggles remarked, that it would be impossible to proceed regularly in acting on this important subject, without referring it to a committee—that it was the universal practice, and a very necessary one.

Mr. Noble said he was sorry to find the gentleman from Maine opposed to the appointment of a committee. He tho't the gentleman's scruples would have time enough to operate upon his mind hereafter. He alluded to the circumstance of the President's calling the attention of Congress to the subject, and observed, in relation to the message, that though he had not the greatest confidence in every part, yet he was very well satisfied with his opinion on this important subject. He should vote for the adoption of the resolution, both on account of its general utility, and because he had an eye to the promotion of the general prosperity and welfare of the country.

The question was then put, and carried—Ayes 18.

**Monday, Dec. 20.**—Mr. Hayne, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to making a provision for the services of General La Fayette, reported the following bill:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled*, That the sum of 200,000 dollars be, and the same is hereby granted to Major General La Fayette, in compensation for his important services, and expenditures during the American Revolution, and that for this purpose, a stock to that amount be issued in his favor, dated the 4th July, 1824, bearing an annual interest of 5 per cent, payable quarterly, and redeemable on the 31st December, 1834.

*Sec. 2. And be it further enacted*, That one complete and entire township of land be, and the same is hereby granted to the said Major General La Fayette; and that the President of the United States be authorized to cause the said Township to be located on any of the public lands which remain unsold, and that patents be issued to General La Fayette for the same.

On motion of Mr. Hayne, the bill was twice read, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14.**—Mr. Wright, of O., offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of that any judicial or other

States, who shall hereafter engage in fighting a duel, or in challenging, assisting, or encouraging any other person to engage, shall forfeit the office by him so held, and be ever afterwards rendered incapable of holding the like, or any other office under the government.

A motion for consideration was made, when

Mr. Poinsett moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was negatived, and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Forsyth offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie one day on the table.

*Resolved*, That the President be directed to lay before the House a copy of the instructions under which the articles of a treaty with the Cherokee Indians were framed by Daniel Smith and R. Jennings, acting as commissioners of the United States, at Tellico, on the 24th day of October, 1804, with copies of all the correspondence, or other documents relating to that instrument, in either of the Executive Departments, with a statement of the causes which prevented an earlier decision upon it, and of the motives for the ratification of it by the United States, at the last session of Congress.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15.**—The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasury Department:

Treasury Department, Dec. 14, 1824.  
SIR: In obedience to a Resolution of the House of Representatives of the 8th instant, I have the honor to submit a report from the first Comptroller of the Treasury, which, with the correspondence accompanying it, contains the information required.

I remain, with respect,  
Your most obedient servant,  
WM. H. CRAWFORD.

Hon. Henry Clay, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
(This document refers to the tonnage duties imposed by the United States on the Canal boats of the State of New-York.)

On motion of Mr. Storrs, it was referred to the committee on Commerce with the following instructions:

That the communication and the accompanying papers be referred to the committee on Commerce, and that the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the acts of Congress regulating the commerce of the United States, and imposing duties on tonnage, that they shall not be construed to extend to boats employed exclusively in transportation, on the interior canals of the respective states.

Mr. Newton objected to the committee being fettered with instructions, and stated that if the committee was left at large, it would endeavor to do justice to both parties.

Mr. Storrs explained; after which his motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Storrs, the communication of the Governor of New-York, on the same subject, was referred to the same committee.

## North-Carolina Legislature.

### SENATE.

**Thursday, Dec. 16.**—On motion of Mr. Carson, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole. Mr. Forney in the chair, on the bill authorizing and directing the Supreme Court to be holden in the several places therein directed, &c. After some time spent in committee, it rose and reported said bill with sundry amendments. Mr. Speight moved for its indefinite postponement, and called for the yeas and nays on the question, which were—Yeas 26, Nays 28.

The amendments proposed in the committee of the whole, were severally read and agreed to.

Mr. Williams, of Beaufort, then moved to amend the bill, by striking therefrom "Newbern," one of the places designated in the bill, for holding the Court, and inserting in lieu thereof, "Washington," which was not agreed to. Mr. Carson moved to erase "Statesville," and insert "Morganton," which was not agreed to. The question then recurred on the passage of the bill the second time, which was determined in the affirmative—Yeas 29, Nays 26.

**Saturday, Dec. 18.**—Mr. Montgomery, from the select committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing an inquiry into the salaries and fees of the public officers, &c. requested that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was agreed to.

**Monday, Dec. 20.**—A message from the other House, stating their agreement to all the amendments made by the Senate to the bill authorising the making a turnpike road from the Saluda Gap to the Tennessee line. The said bill was then ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Carson presented a bill to appoint commissioners to run and mark the dividing line between the counties of Lincoln and Burke; and Mr. Montgomery, a bill concerning overseers of roads; which passed their first reading.

Mr. Forney, from the committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Burke county, reported a bill authorising the Board of Internal Improvement to cause a survey of a road to be made from Morganton, across the Yellow Mountain, to the Tennessee line; which was read the first time and passed.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21.**—The following bills from the other House were read the first time and passed:—A bill to repeal the act of 1822, repealing, in part, an act en-

titled "An act directing the designation of hands, and how they shall be compelled to work under the overseers of roads hereafter in the counties of Lincoln, Columbus, Burke and Rockingham;" a bill appointing commissioners to view and lay off a road from Rutherford to Ashville; a bill to encourage the destruction of Wolves in Wilkes county; and a bill authorising the building a dam across Arrarat river in Surry county.

The Senate proceeded to the second reading of the bill to compel the Banks of this state to pay specie in certain cases; and the amendment reported by the select committee on the 15th instant, being under consideration, the question recurred on the motion, heretofore made by Mr. Speight, that the bill and amendment be postponed; which was determined in the negative—yeas 27, nays 30.

Mr. Blackwell then moved to amend the amendment, by adding the following: "Provided that no Director, not a resident in the county where the Bank of which he is a Director shall be located, shall be subject to be sued under the provisions of this act;" which was agreed to. The question then recurred on the amendment reported by the committee; which was agreed to. The bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. Barringer, by striking out the words "next ensuing," and passed its second reading—yeas 34, nays 25.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22.**—Mr. Love, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Haywood county, reported a bill to alter and amend the act of 1823, entitled "An act for the relief of such persons as became purchasers of the Cherokee lands, sold under the authority of this state;" which passed its first reading.

The following engrossed bills passed their second and third readings, and were ordered to be enrolled: a bill to prevent any person from falling timber into the Tuckaseegee river, and Caney Fork thereof, within Haywood county; and a bill directing the time and place of selling lands and slaves under execution in Buncombe county.

Mr. Montgomery presented the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering, defining, and fixing the salaries and fees of the public officers of this state.

A message from the other House, proposing that the select joint committee appointed to consider the resolutions of the Legislature of Georgia, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, be discharged from the consideration thereof. Agreed to.

The bill to authorise, and direct the Supreme Court to be holden in the several places therein named, and to advance the administration of justice on the trial of Equity cases, was read the third time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed—yeas 32, nays 28.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

**Thursday, Dec. 16.**—Mr. Alston, from the select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Manumission Society, made a report recommending its rejection. Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Burgen, the committee on Internal Improvements were instructed to inquire what sum will be sufficient to repair the road from the Old Fort in Burke county to the Swanano Gap, and the expediency of making such an appropriation.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the subject of taking from the Board of Internal Improvement the power of appointing an Engineer. After some debate, the committee rose, and reported the bill without amendment. Mr. Iredell moved for its indefinite postponement; which was negatived—64 to 61.

**Friday, Dec. 17.**—The bill to amend an act for establishing a College in the western part of the state of North-Carolina, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Donoho, postponed indefinitely.

The bill in relation to the civil Engineer, was read the second time, and rejected by the casting vote of the Speaker.

**Saturday, Dec. 18.**—On motion of Mr. Cox, the military committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of forming all free men of color between 18 and 50 years of age into a company or squad of pioneers, to exercise as such in working on the public roads, at all times when the militia meet for drill, within the beat of the Captains respectively, throughout the state; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Stedman presented a bill to repeal an act, passed in 1819, to create a fund for Internal Improvements, and to establish a Board for the management thereof; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

**Monday, Dec. 20.**—The following bills, from the Senate, were read the first time and passed: The bill to authorise the Board of Internal Improvement to cause a survey and report to be made of a part of the road leading from Columbia to Gum Neck, in Tyrrell county; the bill giving the assent of North-Carolina to, and enforcing in this state, certain acts of the Legislature of Tennessee, relative to the Smoky Mountain Turnpike Company, and authorising a subscription on the part of this state, to the stock of said company; and the bill to authorise the Public Treasurer to purchase Bank Stock.

A message from the Senate, proposing to ballot to-morrow morning for Counselors of State for the ensuing year, and stating that William Davidson, Edmund Jones, Thomas Wynns, Gideon Alston, Theophilus Lacy, William Blackledge and David Gillaspie, are nominated for the appointments. The proposition was agreed to, and the names of George W. Jeffries and John M'Donell were added to the nomination.

On motion of Mr. Ashe, a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Ashe, Sheperd, Scott, Webb and Ballew, were appointed, to prepare and report a bill more effectually to suppress the practice of treating with ardent spirits, or using any undue means, by candidates for any public appointment whatever.

Mr. Williamson presented the following resolution, which was rejected:

*Resolved*, That the committee of Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the tax on Billiard Tables, so as to produce a revenue to the state.

Mr. J. A. Hill, from the committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of reducing the Board of Internal Improvement from six to three members, reported a bill to amend the act of 1819, entitled "An act to create a fund for Internal Improvement, and to establish a Board for the management thereof;" so as to reduce the Board to three members; which bill passed its first reading.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of several of the inhabitants of Camden county and the adjoining counties, on the subject of a road and bridge, reported a bill favorable to the prayer of the petitioners; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Polk, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of amending the militia laws relative to the cavalry, reported a bill to amend the act of 1823, entitled "An act to amend the militia laws of this state relative to the cavalry;" which passed its first reading.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21.**—The following bills, from the Senate, were read the first time and passed: The bill to exempt the Secretary of State, Public Treasurer, and Comptroller from serving as jurors and overseers of roads; and the bill to detach the company of militia, now commanded by Capt. Stephen Monson, in Mecklenburg county, from the 2d regiment, and attach it to the 1st regiment.

Mr. Lamb presented the following resolutions, which were ordered to lie on the table, and be printed:

Whereas it is believed by many of the good people of this state that the several incorporated Banks thereof have transgressed the powers granted to them by law, and thereby violated their charters as a body corporate. And whereas it is deemed expedient, as well for the purposes of future legislation, as to quiet the apprehensions of the community, that the fact should be judicially ascertained:

*Be it therefore resolved*, By the General Assembly of the state of North-Carolina, that the Governor be, and he is hereby required to instruct the Attorney General of this state forthwith to file and prosecute, in his name, as relator, and on behalf of the state, an information in the nature of a quo warranto, in such manner that a legal issue may be made up between the state and the said bodies corporate, or any or either of them, in order to try the fact by a jury of the country, according to law.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Governor be, and he is hereby required and directed, to employ other counsel, learned in the law, to aid and assist the Attorney General in such prosecution, and to issue his warrant to the Treasurer for all reasonable expenses that may be incurred thereon.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22.**—Mr. Ramsay presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Orange, Chatham, Guilford and Randolph, praying for the erection of a new county out of the said counties. Ordered to lie on the table until the 1st of March next.

Mr. Shipp presented a bill, fixing certain fees of the Clerks of the County and Superior Courts; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Gary, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's message relative to the subject, together with the letter of the Public Treasurer, reported a bill to continue in force the provisions of the acts of 1822 and 1823, to promote agriculture and family domestic manufactures within this state. The report was concurred in, and the bill read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Polk presented a bill to extend the provisions and penalties of the act of 1819, entitled "An act more effectually to punish the making, passing or attempting to pass counterfeit bank notes;" which passed its first reading.

Mr. J. A. Hill presented a resolution, authorising the Board of Internal Improvement to purchase, for the use of the state, a dredging or mud machine, for deepening the channel of the Cape Fear river below Wilmington, and elsewhere as may be necessary; which was laid on the table.

Commodore Rodgers, having previously resigned his place as President of the Board of Navy Commissioners, has left Washington City to enter upon the command of the new and elegant line of battle ship North Carolina.

# CHARLOTTE.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1825.

**NATIONAL ROAD.**—We are requested to state, that a public meeting will be held, at the Court-House in Charlotte, on Saturday, the 8th inst. for the purpose of petitioning the President, on the subject of the National Road which the government contemplates establishing from Washington to New-Orleans. The subject is an important one; and it is hoped that the citizens of the county generally, as far as convenient, will attend. Another object, of no small importance to this quarter of the state, will likewise be submitted to the consideration of the meeting, in order to take the necessary steps, insure its accomplishment.

A new Post-Office has been established at Kirksville, in this county, and James Kirk, Esq. appointed Postmaster.

**SUPREME COURT.**—The bill before the legislature, directing the Supreme Court to be held at Statesville, Raleigh and Newbern, for the purpose of facilitating the administration of justice in the trial of Equity causes, has passed the Senate by a vote of 33 to 28. It has likewise passed its first reading in the House by a majority of two to one; and letters from Raleigh express very little doubt of its becoming a law. Should the bill pass, two terms of the Supreme Court will be held each year, at each of the places above mentioned. The advantages to be derived from this arrangement, must be apparent to every one; and as it involves no additional expense, and will relieve the people from the burden of interminable suits in Equity, no fear of the loss of popular favor, can operate on any member to oppose it.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

**Louisiana.**—From returns received from this state, the question is settled between Crawford and Clay—the former goes into the House. The votes of this state have been divided between Jackson and Adams, though in what proportion we are unable to say, as the statements in the New-Orleans papers differ. One account says, that two of the electors are for Adams, and three for Jackson; another, that only one is for Adams; it is of no importance, however, one way or the other.—Returns from all the states having been received, the following is the result, allowing Adams two votes in Louisiana:

Jackson,	99
Adams,	84
Crawford,	41
Clay,	37

Gen. La Fayette has postponed his tour through the southern states until spring. He will remain at Washington to witness the inauguration of the next President; and will start from that place on the 6th of March, for Raleigh. The Mecklenburg volunteers need not regret this delay; as they will then, probably, be favored with better roads and finer weather.

The determination of La Fayette to defer his visit until spring, it is stated in a letter from Washington to the editor of the Hillsborough Recorder, was made on the assurances of the southern members of Congress, that the delay, under all the circumstances, would not be received unkindly by the people.

It will be seen by the proceedings of Congress, that that body is about to pay, in part, the debt of gratitude which this country owes to La Fayette. This veteran, who entered into the service of this country rich, is now poor, and involved in debt to the amount of 60,000 dollars; and all in consequence of his uniform adherence to principles, and devotedness to the cause of freedom. Will a single voice, then, be raised against an appropriation by Congress, to brighten his few remaining years, and render his old age happy, as his youth was glorious? We hope not. That Republics are not ungrateful, let La Fayette be a bright and lasting evidence.

**Congress.**—For the proceedings of this body, we are indebted to the *National Journal*; and as our extracts will hereafter be made from the same paper, we mention this, in order to save a weekly repetition. The reports for the *Journal*, both as to correctness and ability, are equal to those of either of the other papers at Washington; and the talent with which it is conducted, its various and judicious selections, render it at all times a highly valuable and interesting paper. To those who may wish to receive a paper from the seat of government, friendly to the administration and to its course of policy, we can confidently recommend the *N*