

## General Assembly.

[Abstract of the proceedings of the General Assembly, with the exception of such private and local business, as is considered uninteresting to our readers.]

### SENATE.

THURSDAY, Dec. 29.

Mr. Brownrigg, from the committee on the militia and better defence of the State, to which was referred the bill to incorporate three companies of light infantry and one of cavalry in the county of Edgecombe, and one company of light infantry in the county of Pitt, reported the same with an amendment, which was agreed to; the bill was read the second time and passed.

Mr. B. from the same committee, reported a bill for the distribution of a part of the public arms among the several counties of the State, and for the preservation and accounting for of the same.

Mr. Montgomery, of Orange, from the committee to which was referred the bill to incorporate the Guilford Gold Mining Company, reported the same with an amendment, which was agreed to. Mr. Wilson proposed an amendment which had for its object to make the Stockholders liable in their individual capacity, for the debts of the company—which motion was negatived. The bill was read the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

### FRIDAY.

Mr. Martin, of Rockingham, from the committee of claims, made a report, requesting to be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Spier Whitaker, colonel of the Halifax militia. Committee discharged and the memorial laid on the table.

Mr. Guinn presented the following resolutions, which were, on motion of Mr. Wilson, ordered to be laid upon the table and be printed:

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, speaking the feelings and opinions of the people of North-Carolina, do approve of the Administration of Gen. ANDREW JACKSON, President of the United States.

*Resolved further*, That this General Assembly, knowing that the confidence reposed by the people of the State of North-Carolina in the integrity and patriotism of Gen. ANDREW JACKSON, President of the U. States, so far from being diminished, has increased, do, and in this they only respond to the feelings and wishes of their fellow citizens of the State, recommend him to the people of the U. States for re-election to the high and elevated situation which he now holds with so much honor to himself and benefit to his country.

The bill to regulate the time of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in the third Judicial Circuit, was amended, on motion of Mr. Boddie, by striking out all except the enacting clause, and inserting a substitute offered by him. The bill then passed its third reading, and was ordered to be engrossed—ayes 30, noes 27.

The bill for the relief of the citizens of this State, was amended, on motion of Mr. Dobson, by striking out all except the title, and inserting in lieu thereof a substitute by him submitted. The bill was then read the second time and passed—ayes 31, noes 22. [This bill authorizes the sheriffs to receive for taxes, at a discount of two per cent. notes of the Banks of South-Carolina under the denomination of five dollars, and pay them into the Treasury at the same discount; and directs the Treasurer to have them exchanged. The act to be in force for one year.]

The bill altering the laws in respect to the allotment of widows' dower, passed its third reading 47 to 13, and was ordered to be engrossed.

### SATURDAY.

Mr. Dick, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon at public places.

### MONDAY.

Mr. Allen presented a resolution, that a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to raise a joint select committee of twelve—six from each House, and three of each House to be Eastern members, and three to be Western members, so as to make six of Eastern members, and six of Western members, and for said committee to take the resolutions for a Convention, as introduced in each House, and report some plan that will be agreeable to all. Mr. M'Farland moved that the said resolution be laid on the table; which was not agreed to. Mr. Wilson moved that it be committed to a committee of the whole House, with the resolutions on the subject of a Convention; which motion was negatived. Mr. Mathews moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed. Mr. M'Farland renewed his motion to lay it on the table; which was not agreed to. The question then recurring on the motion for indefinite postponement, it was decided in the affirmative—41 to 15.

The bill to repeal the act of 1827, reducing the number of petty musters to two in a year, was rejected on its second reading by a vote of 26 to 25.

### TUESDAY.

The following bills passed their third reading, and were ordered to be engrossed: The bill providing for the assignment of the whole real estate of deceased persons, where a part thereof lies in North-Carolina and part in other States—the bill to repeal the 8th section of the act of 1828, entitled an act to amend the law with respect to the collection of debts from the estates of deceased persons, and the law in relation to the levying of executions issued by justices of the peace—and the bill extending the provisions of an act entitled an act securing to the widows of intestates the surplus of the personal estate of their deceased husbands, where no kindred claim the same, passed in 1823.

The resolution in favor of Leavin Armwood, was read the second and third time and ordered to be engrossed. [This Resolution votes \$250 to the individual named, a free man of color, as a reward for his having disclosed the meditated conspiracy amongst the slaves of Duplin and Sampson.]

### WEDNESDAY.

Mr. Moye, of Pitt, presented a bill to incorporate two companies of light infantry in Pitt.

Mr. Kerr, a bill to establish the Bank of North-Carolina. [To be located at the seat of government, with a capital not exceeding 2,000,000 of dollars; 1,600,000 of which to be subscribed by individuals, and 400,000 by the State. The bill was ordered to be printed and made the order of the day for Friday.]

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, Mr. Wilson in the chair, on the resolutions relative to a Convention; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the reso-

lutions with sundry amendments. Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved that the said resolutions, together with the amendments, be postponed indefinitely. Mr. M'Farland moved to lay the resolutions and amendments on the table; which was not agreed to—ayes 17, noes 46. The question then recurring on Mr. Wilson's motion to postpone the resolutions indefinitely, it was decided in the affirmative—ayes 42, noes 21.

### COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 29.

A message from the Senate, proposing to refer certain resolutions therewith transmitted on the subject of the Tariff, to a joint select committee, and informing that Messrs. Dishong, Seawell, Wilson, M'Farland & Spaight form said committee on their part. The proposition was agreed to, and the following gentlemen were appointed the committee on the part of this House: Messrs. Henry, Bragg, Outlaw, Sawyer and Faddis.

The bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Central Rail Road Company, was read the third time. Mr. Outlaw proposed to amend the bill by adding the following proviso: "Provided, that any application on the part of said Company to the Federal Government, for an appropriation of money or subscription of stock thereto, shall amount to a forfeiture of their charter." This amendment was rejected, only 31 voting in the affirmative. The bill was then read the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hart, from the committee appointed to consider the patrol laws, reported a bill for the better regulation of the patrol.

### Friday.

The bill to exempt from execution a certain portion of the land of the citizens of North-Carolina, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed—yeas 63, nays 61.

The bill to amend an act, passed in 1819, to create a fund for internal improvements, and to establish a Board for the management thereof, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to erect out of a portion of the counties of Burke and Buncombe a separate and distinct county, by the name of Yancey, was read the second time and rejected—67 to 57. Considerable debate arose on this bill, in which Messrs. Henry, Barringer, Brevard & Clayton advocated, and Messrs. Gaston, O'Brien, Toole and Pittman opposed its passage.

The bill to vest the right of electing the Clerks of the Superior and County Courts in the several counties within this State in the free white men thereof, was read the second time, and, on Mr. C. Wooten's motion, postponed indefinitely—yeas 63, nays 59.

### Saturday.

Mr. Robertson presented a bill to prevent free negroes and mulattoes from owning or carrying guns in this State.

Mr. Heartley, a bill to authorize the Wardens of the Poor to hold property for the benefit of the poor.

Mr. Gaston, a bill in aid of the North-Carolina Central Rail Road and Cape Fear and Yadin Rail Road Companies. [Authorizes the employing an Engineer on behalf of the State, to survey routes for the respective Rail Roads.]

Received from the Governor a communication relative to the expenditures incurred in preparing the Government House for the reception of the Legislature, &c.—also, to the distribution of a small amount of bank stock and money mentioned in Gov. Owen's message of last year, as set apart for the benefit of James N. Forsythe, who was lost in the sloop of war Hornet.

### Monday.

Mr. Arrington, from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill to distribute the remaining Tactics.

Mr. Weaver presented a bill for the protection of farmers. [Proposes to exempt one horse or mule and one set of agricultural implements from execution, after the 4th of July next.]

The bill to establish the Bank of Albemarle, was read and postponed indefinitely.

The bill to establish the Farmers' Bank of North-Carolina, and the Merchants' Bank of North-Carolina, was read the second time and indefinitely postponed—84 to 39. [On this motion considerable debate ensued, in which Messrs. Gaston, Henry, and Mebane took part for and Messrs. Pearson, Weaver, Pittman, and Townsend against the bill.]

### Tuesday.

The bill to authorize the building of a bridge over Roanoke river, at the town of Weldon, and to incorporate a company for that purpose, was read the third time after being amended, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

### Wednesday.

The engrossed bill to regulate the time of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity for the counties of Martin and Pitt, was, on motion of Mr. Cherry, indefinitely postponed.

The resolutions on the subject of a Convention, which were submitted by Mr. Whitaker a few days ago, were to-day taken up on motion of Mr. Cox, the House having resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Haywood in the chair. The debate ensued thereon, in which Messrs. Fisher, Pearson, Wyche, Long, O'Brien, and M'Queen took part. After some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again tomorrow.



## TARBOROUGH.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1832.

[On our first page the reader will find the Convention and Tariff Resolutions introduced into the Legislature of this State—and an interesting letter from the Hon. JOHN BRANCH, at Washington City.]

### FOR THE FREE PRESS.

Mr. Howard: It having been frequently suggested by persons best calculated to judge, that the organization of a regular corps of amateur performers in this place would be perfectly practicable, and would contribute in no inconsiderable degree to the amusement of our citizens, I call the attention of the citizens of Tarborough to the propriety of having a meeting, in order to effect so desirable an object. It is believed that there are young gentlemen enough in this place, well qua-

lified and perfectly willing, to embark in the measure. The Academy building, I presume, could be procured from the Trustees for that purpose, and I can see no other obstacle which will be likely to present itself, to the successful accomplishment of the designed object. With this view of the matter, I invite all those who feel an interest in its success, to meet at Mr. Windham's Long-Room, on Wednesday evening next, at early candle light.

LAUGH AND BE FAT.

### FOR THE FREE PRESS.

At a very large and respectable meeting, held at the Court-house in Tarborough on the 3d inst. for the purpose of taking into consideration the establishment of a Rail Road from Tarborough to Hamilton, Spencer D. Cotten, Esq. was called to the Chair, and John Parker, Esq. appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting being stated in a very appropriate and lucid manner from the Chair, the meeting was addressed at some length by Joseph R. Lloyd, Esq. in support of the measure. He was followed by Mr. James S. Stiles and Benjamin R. Hines, Esq. also in support of the measure.

Theophilus Parker, Esq. then offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the agricultural and commercial interests of the county of Edgecombe and town of Tarborough would be greatly advanced by the construction of a Rail Road from Tarborough to Hamilton.

*Resolved further*, That a committee of three persons be appointed to draft a petition to the Legislature of this State, praying that a company may be incorporated to effect said object.

Joseph R. Lloyd, Esq. moved that the word *unanimously* be inserted after the word *Resolved*, in the first resolution, which was carried.

The question was then taken on the resolutions as amended, and carried *nem. con.*

On motion of Theophilus Parker, Esq. Spencer D. Cotten, Joseph R. Lloyd and Benjamin R. Hines, Esquires, were appointed a committee to draw a petition to the Legislature in execution of the second resolution.

On motion of Michael Hearn, Esq. the proceedings were ordered to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and the Editor of the North-Carolina Free Press requested to insert them in his paper.

The meeting then adjourned. Spencer D. Cotten, Ch'n. John Parker, Sec'y.

From the Norfolk Beacon, Dec. 31.

*Rail Road Meeting*...A highly respectable meeting of the merchants and other citizens of Norfolk, convened last evening, (Dec. 30th) at the Exchange, pursuant to public notice, to take into consideration the subject of a Rail Road from Tarborough to Hamilton, (N. C.) for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of produce from the counties of Edgecombe, Nash, Franklin, Wake, Johnston, Wayne, Greene, Pitt, and other proximate counties of North-Carolina, to the head of steamboat navigation, in low water, and thereby producing an unbroken, safe, and expeditious line of communication through the Roanoke and Dismal Swamp Canal, to the Norfolk market—agreeably to a suggestion contained in a letter from a highly respectable citizen of Edgecombe county, (N. C.) published in the Beacon of the 21st inst.