



TARBOROUGH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1841.

General Assembly.—On Thursday, the 16th ult. Matthias E. Manly, of Newbern, was elected Judge of the Superior Courts, in place of Edward Hall, of Warrenton, temporarily appointed by the Governor and Council. Besides Messrs Hall and Manly, Augustus Moore, of Edenton was in nomination. There were six balloting, the first of which stood, for Hall 61, Manly 53, Moore 37. On the sixth ballot Moore was withdrawn, when the vote stood, for Hall 61, Manly 91.

On Friday, the 17th ult. Wm. H. Battle, of Raleigh was elected Judge of the Superior Courts on the second ballot. The first ballot stood for Battle 74, R. M. Saunders, 67, scattering 18. The second ballot, Battle 91, Saunders 63, scattering 9.

On the same day, the following gentlemen were elected Councillors of State: Messrs. John A. Anderson, of Hertford; Willie Perry, of Franklin; Thomas McFiehee, of Person; Johnson Busbee, of Wake; Isaac T. Avery, of Cumberland; Jas. P. Leak, of Richmond; and Allen Gowin, of Chatham.

On Saturday, Samuel B. Spruill, Esq. was elected Colonel, Ralph B. McNair, Esq. Lieutenant Colonel, and Charles Harrison, Esq. Major, of Cavalry attached to the 5th Brigade and 7th Division of the Militia.

Both Houses have agreed to adjourn on Monday next, the 4th inst.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SENATE.

Monday, Dec. 14.—Mr. Wadell presented the following Resolutions, which were read, and ordered to be printed.

1. Resolved, That to the successful development of the resources of North Carolina, a system of Internal Improvement, which shall unite all the leading interests of the State, is indispensable.

11. Resolved, As the basis of any well devised scheme of Improvement, the Legislature regard the re-opening of Roanoke Inlet as an object of paramount importance, essential, not merely to the prosperity of North Carolina, but an object of great national interest.

111. Resolved, That secondary in importance only to this great work, to the successful accomplishment of which the national resources are alone competent, the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road constitutes the proper base line of a system for internal transport; and that the union of the Raleigh and Gaston Road, with this great channel of travel and trade, is of vital importance to the ultimate success of both works.

IV. Resolved, That to make the State one, in interest and in feeling, and to distribute, with any equality, the benefits of improvement, the Western section of North Carolina, in which resources are abundant, but transport difficult, should be united with the Eastern avenue to commerce, by the immediate construction of Turnpike or McAdamized roads.

V. Resolved, That to sustain and insure the permanency of the works already executed, and to provide for the completion of the system contemplated by the foregoing Resolutions, the following appropriation of the available funds of the State should be made:

First, To aid the credit of the Wilmington and Raleigh, and the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Companies, the floating capital of the State, under the control of the Boards of Internal Improvement and the Literary Fund, shall be invested in bonds, to be hereafter issued by said Companies, and endorsed by the State.

Secondly, That the proceeds of the Cherokee lands, which have accrued, or shall hereafter accrue together with the interest arising from the bonds to be issued by the Rail Road Companies, as herein proposed, shall be specifically appropriated to the construction of a Turnpike or McAdamized road, from the City of Raleigh to the West, with such lateral branches as may be deemed necessary.

Tuesday, Dec. 15.—Mr. Morehead presented a bill to protect Churches.

Mr. Wilson, a bill to incorporate the trustees of Hopewell Academy.

Mr. Hawkins, from the Committee on Internal Improvements reported a bill for the relief of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company.

Which were read the first time and passed.

The bill to exempt all persons under 21 from performing military duty, was rejected, 28 to 18.

Wednesday, Dec. 16.—The proposition of the Commons to refer the Bill to incorporate the Little River Manufacturing Company to a joint select Committee, and

that said Committee inquire into the expediency of passing a general law for securing the creditors of incorporated companies, was concurred in.

Thursday, Dec. 17.—The bill making an appropriation for completing the capitol, and for other purposes; the bill to incorporate the Trustees of Hopewell Academy; passed their third reading and were ordered to be engrossed. The first named bill was subsequently reconsidered on motion of Mr. Cooper, and laid on the table.

Friday Dec. 18.—Mr. Arrington presented a bill to repeal in part an act concerning bills, bonds and promissory notes; which passed its first reading.

Saturday, Dec. 19.—Mr. Shepard presented a bill to establish free schools within the several counties of the State; which passed its first reading, and was ordered to be printed. [Proposed to appropriate \$70,000 annually from the accruing interest of the Literary Fund, to be divided among the counties according to their federal population, for the support of free schools; but no county to receive its rateable proportion, until it shall have collected an equal amount for the same purpose, which the acting Justices may levy and collect as other taxes; that at the next August elections ten commissioners shall be elected in each county, to lay off the county into school districts; that \$5,000 be annually appropriated for the support of Normal Schools for the purpose of educating poor young men as teachers; and that the Legislature shall select a superintendent of schools, who shall annually visit each county in the State, &c.]

Wednesday, Dec. 23.—The bill to establish a new county by the name of Cleveland, was rejected on its second reading—26 to 22.

Thursday, Dec. 24.—The Speaker having obtained leave of absence for one week, A. Decker, Esq. the Senator from Richmond, was chosen Speaker pro tem.

Friday Dec. 25.—The resolution in favor of Mr. Whitfield's retaining his seat, was taken up and adopted.

Saturday, Dec. 26.—The Senate took up the engrossed bill for the relief of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company; when Mr. Wilson moved an amendment, binding the private property of the stockholders in proportion to the amount of their stock. On this proposition a long and interesting debate arose; in which Messrs. Wilson, Faison and Cooper advocated, and Messrs. Wadell, Shepard, Gaither and Clingman opposed it. The amendment was lost, the vote being 20 yeas, 23 nays. The bill then passed its second reading, as it came from the Commons, 24 to 19.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, Dec. 14.—The bill to lay off and establish a County by the name of Caldwell, was read the second time and passed by the casting vote of the Speaker.

Mr. Moore, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill altering and prescribing the times at which Elections shall hereafter be held in this State, reported two bills—one entitled a bill to amend the Revised Statutes, concerning the appointment of Electors to vote for President and Vice President of the United States; and the other entitled a Bill to make elections uniform throughout the State, and amendatory to the Revised Statutes concerning the General Assembly, Representatives in Congress, Governor of the State, Sheriff, and Clerks of Courts. These bills were read the first time, passed and ordered to be printed.

Tuesday, Dec. 15.—The bill to lay off and establish a County by the name of McDowell was read the second time and passed—Yeas, 55; Nays, 50.

Wednesday, Dec. 16.—The resignation of Louis D. Wilson, as a Trustee of the University of North Carolina, was presented, read and accepted.

Thursday, Dec. 17.—Mr. J. P. Caldwell introduced a Bill to amend an act passed at the session of 1838 to divide the Counties into School Districts, and for other purposes—which was read the first time, and passed, and on motion of Mr. Withers, ordered to be printed.

Friday, Dec. 18.—Mr. Barringer, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom the subject had been referred, reported against the expediency of the State's undertaking the construction of a Rail Road from Raleigh to Waynesborough at this present time, and asked that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Concurred in.

Saturday, Dec. 19.—The engrossed bill to prevent bugging on elections was read the second time and postponed indefinitely, by a vote of 62 to 44.

Monday Dec. 21.—The bill for the relief of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, passed its second reading by a vote of 56 to 52.

Tuesday, Dec. 22.—Mr. Moore presented a Bill to authorize the Weldon Toll Bridge Company to subscribe their Stock to the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and passed.

Wednesday, Dec. 23.—A Message was received from the Senate proposing that the two Houses adjourn sine die on Monday, the fourth day of January next, which was concurred in by a vote of 55 to 41.

Mr. Moore presented a petition from sundry citizens of Halifax county, praying the passage of a Law, securing to every family in the State a "Homestead," which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Thursday, Dec. 24.—Mr. Paine presented a resolution respecting the re-opening of Roanoke Inlet, which was read and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Horrid Murders.—We learn from various sources that on Monday night, the 14th ult. a wretch by the name of Drake, went to the house of an old Quaker, aged 75 years, living in Southampton county, Virginia, and killed the old man and four of his family. It appears that Drake went to the house of Scott, on the pretence of procuring a jug of vinegar. Drake asked Scott, to walk with him to the road, where he said there was an oyster cart. Scott accompanied him to the road but found there was no cart at the place designated, and on turning round to retire to his house, was struck by Drake on the head with a maul and killed instantly. Drake having committed this cruel murder, went to Scott's kitchen and struck a negro woman a heavy blow—the woman, though badly hurt, was enabled to escape from the ruffian and made her way to the house where she informed her mistress of Drake's proceedings. After the woman's escape, Drake killed a negro boy whom he found in the kitchen, and then repaired to the house where, with a chair, he killed the negro woman who escaped from the kitchen, the sister of Scott, and her daughter, a child of seven years of age.

These transactions occurred at about midnight.—A negro girl, while Drake was killing the family, made her escape and gave the alarm. The neighbors repaired to the house and found it on fire. After extinguishing the fire, they found one of the drawers of Scott's bureau broken open, and in the three other drawers they found \$8,000—and in old chests upstairs they found enough in addition to make up the sum of \$19,964. The coroner was summoned, and while holding the inquest, Drake appeared among the other spectators, dressed clean while the others generally were in their working clothes. He made some remark, which attracted attention, and he was seized by the collar and charged with the murders. His hat fell off and some blood was discovered on his head. They proceeded to his house, and on searching found a tub full of bloody clothes. Drake then confessed that he did the deed, that his object was to kill all the family, rob the house, and then burn it. He was committed to jail.

DIED.

In this place, on Monday, the 21st ult. Mrs. Cohoon, wife of Dr. P. A. R. C. Cohoon.

On the 25th inst. at the residence of her husband, Mr. Jonas J. Carr, in this county, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Carr, daughter of the late James Hilliard of Hilliardston, Nash county. She was interred at the residence of the late Mrs. Celia Carr, and her funeral preached by the Rev. Seth Speight. Text: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God! and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." First epistle, general of John, Chap 3, 2nd verse.

The solemn silence, the deep attention, the melancholy gloom which pervaded the whole company during the ceremony, and the out-bursting of the throbbing heart, all attested the interest which was felt in this most agreeable and pious lady. It was indeed a most affecting scene! Possessing a heart that knew no guile, and a tongue that spoke no evil, with attachments strong and constant, and affections sincere and dutiful, Mrs. Carr was the pride of her husband, the joy of her mother and the delight of her relations and friends. Her husband found in her a jewel worthy of the casket, and while simplicity and truth, and elegant hospitality, formed the more prominent traits of her character, her heart was capable of that deep and devoted passion, almost always accompanied, by a beautiful enthusiasm, which weaves a veil of all imaginable loveliness to invest the objects of its love.

It is natural to mourn after departed friends—in truth it is a "painful pleasure" to cherish their memories—but in this case the bereavement was afflicting and heart rending in the extreme. The deceased was admired for her retiring and unobtrusive virtues, for her inflexible love to her husband and children, for parental affection and generous kindness to her domestics, and for a heart rich in piety and benevolence.

In her bosom lived a lofty and generous spirit; and in her soul was erected an altar upon which glowed the purest feeling of friendship, hospitality and benevolence. She was a consistent and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the last ten years of her life, in which faith she died, under a flattering hope of being a welcome visitor in the court of heaven.

Thus has been suddenly cut off, in the 32d year of her age, and in the flower of womanhood, leaving an unhappy husband and four small children, (one of which was but four hours old at her death,) a lady distinguished for all the virtues which adorn and embellish society and the christian life.

In such a case and under such circumstances, the greatest philosopher becomes a child, and gives way to the generous and tender feelings of the soul!

It is a feeling which I delight to witness in others, and love to enjoy myself. A. The Editor of the Washington Whig, will please copy.—Com.

Notice.

LOST, on Monday, the 28th inst. my Pocket Book, containing one Note against Battle & Brothers for fifty seven dollars 85 cents, dated Nov 25th, 1840 with a credit of forty dollars on the same, dated sometime in Dec 1840 One do against do. for twenty five dollars, payable to Mrs. Catharine Bell, due the 1st January, 1839, due for the hire of negro Silvey. And as said notes have since been paid, I forward any person or persons from trading for such notes under the penalty of the law. Said Pocket Book contained thirteen dollars in cash and sundry receipts. Any person finding said book will please inform the subscriber of the same and he will be amply satisfied.

VAN R BODDIE  
December, 1840.

List of Letters,

Remaining in the Post Office at Tarborough, the 1st of Jan 1841, which if not taken out before the 1st of April next, will be sent to the General Post Office as dead letters.

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| Braswell Robert R     | Morris M H Mrs 2     |
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| Benton Elizabeth Mrs  | Manning L B          |
| Bennett Elizabeth Mrs | Mizzells Perry       |
| Boyakin Dr            | Patt James           |
| Bynum R J             | Peal Henry W         |
| Bennett Mark          | Phillips Jas J Dr    |
| Blount Levi           | Phillips Eliza Miss  |
| Carson Nancy Mrs      | Phillips E Dr        |
| Canady Willey         | Potts John W Dr      |
| Cotter John           | Parker John H Dr     |
| Car Celia Mrs         | Parker Josiah        |
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| Campbell F Miss       | Stallings Joseph     |
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| Draughon William      | Sheriff of Edgecombe |
| Duggan Mary S         | Vick Frederick       |
| Dixon John A          | Taylor Stephen       |
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| Edmondson J W 2       | West Robert          |
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| Geer Edwin Rev 2      | Wilkinson Benoni M   |
| George James          | Wilkinson Nancy Mrs  |
| Hammans S Miss        | Wethersby John       |
| Harrell Jesse 2       | Williams Wm & Jos    |
| Hunter Charles G      | Ward F Dr            |
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State of North Carolina,

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, NOVEMBER TERM, 1840.

Jonas J. Carr vs. Thomas Prince & wife Lucilla, } Petition for sale of slaves for division.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendants Thomas Prince and wife Lucilla, are not inhabitants of this State: It is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks successively in the Tarboro' Press, giving said defendants notice to appear at the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Edgecombe, at the Court-House in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday in February next, then and there to plead, answer or demur to the said Petition of the Plaintiff; otherwise it will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte, as to them.

Witness, JOHN NORFLEET, Clerk of said Court, at office, the fourth Monday of November, A. D. 1840.

JNO. NORFLEET, Clk.

2nd of Jan. 1841.

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Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, NOVEMBER TERM, 1840.

Edith Milbourne, widow, &c vs. Siley Edwards and wife Polly, } Petition for Dower

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Stephen Milbourne, Edward Williams & wife Nancy, & Francis Wood & wife Betsy, defendants, are not inhabitants of this State: It is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks successively in the Tarboro' Press, giving said defendants notice to appear at the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Edgecombe, at the Court House in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday in February next, then and there to make themselves parties, plaintiffs or defendants.

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Edney and Joseph Howard, } vs. Wilson Howard and others, } Covenanted Will.

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James Weddell and wife Margaret, vs. Laura Ward and James Freeman, Adm'r, &c. } Petition for sale of slaves

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant, James Freeman, is not an inhabitant of this State: It is ordered therefore by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks successively in the Tarboro' Press, giving said defendant notice to appear at the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Edgecombe, at the Court House in Tarboro', on the fourth Monday in February next, then and there to plead, answer or demur to the said Petition of the Plaintiff; otherwise it will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte as to him.

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Richard T. Eagles, Adm'r, &c. vs. The distributees of John Milbourne, dec'd, } Petition for sale of slaves

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