

N. Carolina General Assembly.

SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 11.—Mr. Hill of Franklin, presented the memorial of Charles Wortham of Warren county, praying that the State will purchase of him the Patent Right of his Combined Screw Geer, and offering to take for the same \$6,300. Referred to a select committee.

On motion of Mr. Sharpe, the Judiciary committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the militia laws, that Field Officers after serving three years, and Captains five years, may be discharged from further services.

Mr. Pickett reported a bill to point out, and direct the manner in which the prosecuting officers of the State shall in future be paid—also, a bill to prevent frauds and perjuries in certain cases.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the emancipation laws of this State; which, after being amended, passed its second reading.

Friday, Jan. 12.—Mr. Riddick presented a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to enquire into the expediency of making the laws relative to Usury more penal.

The bill to regulate the payment of claims, against the several counties in this State, was on motion of Mr. Forney, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Saturday, Jan. 13.—Mr. Seawell introduced a bill to locate the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State. [Provides that Judge Daniel shall ride the first circuit, Judge Donnell the second, Judge Ruffin the third, Judge Norwood the fourth, Judge Strange the fifth, and Judge Martin the sixth. Provides further, that in any case which comes on for trial, where the presiding Judge has been concerned as attorney, the cause may be removed.]

Monday, Jan. 15.—Mr. Matthews presented the petition of Rebecca Ruffin, of Halifax county, praying for the passage of a law to secure to her such property as she may hereafter acquire.

Mr. McKay presented a bill to unite the office of the Clerk and Master in Equity to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court—also, a bill to prohibit the use of spirituous liquors at company musters.

Mr. Ward presented a resolution instructing the committee on the patrol laws to enquire into the expediency of passing a law, declaring all runaway slaves who carry arms, outlawed, and to prevent masters from running off their slaves when guilty of felony.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Speight of Greene, in the chair, on the bill to point out and direct the manner in which the prosecuting officers of this State shall in future be paid; and, after some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the bill without amendment. Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, moved for the indefinite postponement of the bill. There being 29 in favor of, and 28 against, the indefinite postpone-

ment of the bill, the Speaker voted in the negative, and, of course, the motion did not prevail.

Tuesday, Jan. 16.—Mr. Pickett reported a bill limiting actions on judgments, bonds, and other sealed instruments, and the equity of redemption on mortgages.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prevent free persons of color from migrating into this State, and for the good government of such persons as are resident therein. The committee had been in session but a short time, when Mr. Yancy moved that the committee rise, report progress, and obtain leave to sit again. He remarked, that it had just been communicated to him, and was probably not known to the members generally, that a severe affliction had befallen the presiding Officer of the House of Commons. It was but a proper testimony of respect that the Senate should adjourn. The committee rose, and, on motion of Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, the Senate adjourned.

Wednesday, Jan. 17.—The bill to prevent free persons of color from migrating into this State, passed its second reading...yeas 45, nays 14.

Mr. Boddie presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Johnston, Wayne, Edgecombe, and Nash counties, praying that a new county may be erected, to be made from the corners of the above four counties. Referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Jan. 11.—Mr. St. Clair presented a bill to regulate the fees of the Attorney and Solicitor General, and Solicitors.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to alter the time of holding the General Assembly; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the said bill with an amendment; which report was concurred in—yeas 65, nays 58—and the bill passed its second reading. [Enacts that the General Assembly shall hereafter convene on the second Monday in December.]

Friday, Jan. 12.—Mr. Fisher presented a bill for the further relief of honest debtors.

On motion of Mr. Carson, the committee of Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law, as to make the tax on stores more equal in its provisions.

Mr. Patterson presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Northampton county, praying that the persons named therein be authorized to purchase a certain quantity of land, on which the public buildings of said county stands, and to lay out a town.

The bill to authorize the County Courts to permit gates to be erected across public roads, and to impose a tax thereon, was amended & read the second time.

Saturday, Jan. 13.—Mr. Swain presented a bill to prescribe the mode of legitimating bastard children and altering their names.

Mr. Fisher presented a bill to change the form of proceedings in actions of ejectment.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, the military committee were instructed to inquire into the propriety of distributing the public arms among the volunteer corps of the State.

Monday, Jan. 15.—Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of Turner House, of Halifax county, praying to be divorced from his wife.

Mr. Morehead presented a bill to advance the administration of justice in Courts of Equity, and to establish Courts for that purpose.

Mr. Alford presented a bill to amend an act passed in 1741, for establishing & maintaining Court-Houses, &c. and prescribing rules to each county prison for debtors. [This bill proposes to extend the rules to the limits of each county.]

The bill supplemental to an act concerning persons dying intestate and the bill concerning the Supreme Court were rejected on their second reading.

Tuesday, Jan. 16.—Mr. Alford presented a bill to alter the act of 1741, for restraining the taking of excessive usury.

On motion of Mr. Morehead, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Donoho in the Chair, on the bill to advance the administration of Justice in Courts of Equity, and to establish Courts for that purpose. The bill was read. [It proposes to establish a Court of Equity, in each of the Judicial Districts to be held by the Judges of the Supreme Court, one of the Judges holding each Court.]

Mr. Morehead had spoken at considerable length in favor of the bill, and on motion of Mr. W. W. Jones, and Mr. Martin, who stated there was no need of any additional Court in either of their districts, the Wilmington and Edenton districts, were stricken out of the bill; when Mr. Stanly, (the Speaker) rose and moved to strike out the 2d section of the bill in order to try the principle, and commenced a Speech in opposition to the bill; but he had proceeded but a few minutes, when his voice failed him. He asked for water, and after drinking a little attempted to proceed; but he had uttered but two or three sentences before he said, "my voice fails me, from some cause, I cannot proceed." A motion was immediately made for the Committee to rise. It rose, and Mr. S. with difficulty reached the Speaker's Chair, and was scarcely able to receive and announce the Report of the Chairman of the Committee of the whole. An adjournment immediately took place, and Mr. S. was assisted out of the house.—The cause of his sudden illness was a paralytic attack which affected his powers of Speech, and one whole side of his body.

Wednesday, Jan. 17.—The H. met agreeably to adjournment. The members were called to order by the Clerk, who stated, that as the sickness of the Speaker continued, and he was unable to attend the House, it became necessary to appoint a Speaker, pro tem. On motion, Mr. JAMES IREDELL was unanimously elected Speaker, and was accordingly conducted to the Chair—and, on motion, the House adjourned.

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SENATE.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.—The bill to grant a quantity of land to the State of Illinois, for the purpose of aiding in opening a Canal to connect the waters of Illinois river with those of Lake Michigan, was read a second time.

On *Thursday*, Mr. Holmes reported a bill to reduce the duty on certain specified articles.

On motion, the committee on Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the balance of two millions, authorized to be kept into the Treasury, under the "act to provide for the redemption of the Public Debt," to one million; and of the expediency of applying the millions thus released, to the payment of the debt due the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, until the same shall be extinguished.

On *Friday*, Mr. Hayne reported a bill to provide for the gradual increase of the Navy, [appropriating \$500,000 annually.]

On *Monday*, the bill increasing the salary of the Postmaster General to \$6,000 per annum, was read a third time and passed—yeas 35, nays 10. [In our next paper, we will give the remarks of Mr. Branch in favor of this bill, and of Mr. Randolph, against it.]

On *Wednesday* and *Thursday*, the Senate were principally occupied in considering the Bankrupt bill.

On *Friday*, a joint resolution was introduced, appropriating \$10,000 to the indigent sufferers by the late fire in Alexandria, to put in the hands of the mayor of that city for distribution.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.—Mr. Mallary, from the committee on manufactures, to which had been referred petitions from various parts of the United States, upon the subject of Woolen manufactures, reported "a bill for the alteration of the Acts imposing duties on imports."

On *Thursday*, the engrossed bill making appropriations for the payment of Revolutionary and other Pensions for the year 1827, was passed.

On *Friday*, the committee on Naval affairs were instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the more effectual preservation of the live oak timber on the public lands; and further, to inquire into the expediency of forming plantations for the rearing of live oak for the future supply of that timber for the Navy of the United States.

On *Saturday*, the House was principally occupied with the bill for the relief of the survivors of the Revolutionary army, not otherwise provided for.

On *Monday*, a communication was received from the President, relative to the impressment of American seamen by British vessels.

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