

## N. Carolina General Assembly.

### SENATE.

**Thursday, Jan. 18.**—Mr. Matthews reported a bill to secure to Mildred M'Lilley, of Halifax county, such property as she may hereafter acquire.

Mr. Croom, a bill prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians.

Mr. Ward, a bill to repeal part of the 3d section of the act of 1820, extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

A message from the other House, proposing that a select joint committee be appointed, to prepare a memorial to Congress, asking that an appropriation be made by the general government for the extinguishment of the Indian title to such lands in this State as are yet occupied by Indians. Agreed to.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to alter the time of the annual meeting of the Legislature; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill with an amendment, to strike out the words "third Monday in November," and insert "second Monday in December." Agreed to.

**Friday, Jan. 19.**—On motion, the committee of Divorce and Alimony were instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of the Superior Courts on the subject of divorce, so as to embrace cases where either of the parties have abandoned or separated him or herself from the other.

Mr. McKay presented a bill to require defendants before they are put upon their trial, to except to such matters in the indictment, as might after conviction be assigned as reasons in arrest of judgment.

Mr. Sneed, a bill concerning the entry of marsh lands in this State. [Provides that it shall not be lawful for any entry taker in the several counties in this State to receive any entry for vacant swamp lands, except in cases where the quantity does not exceed 50 acres in one body, and that situated between the lines of tracts heretofore entered.]

**Saturday, Jan. 20.**—Mr. Matthews reported a bill to secure to Rebecca Ruffin, of Halifax county, such property as she may hereafter acquire.

Mr. Speight, of Greene, reported a bill to amend the militia laws of this State.

Mr. Hill, of Franklin, offered a resolution proposing "that the Senate and House of Commons be adjourned, *sine die*, by their respective Speakers, on Saturday, the 3d day of February next." Agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, accompanied by a revision of the Public Laws for the last five years.

On motion of Mr. Boddie, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of 1818, entitled "An act to authorise the County Courts in this State to direct the Sheriffs to sell any slave that may be taken up and confined

in jail as a runaway after certain length of imprisonment and public notice," so far as to lessen the time of imprisonment before the Sheriff advertises to sell.

Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Trustees of the University, reported that Nathaniel Macon, Charles Manly, James F. Taylor, Wm. A. Blount, John R. Donnell and Thomas Settle, were duly elected. Concurred in. [Isaac Croom, was subsequently elected, which completed the number.]

**Monday, Jan. 22.**—Mr. Sneed presented a bill to give additional publicity to mortgages and deeds of trust, and for other purposes.

Mr. Pickett, a bill to amend the laws respecting the sale of land and slaves by sheriffs and other officers. [Provides that all sales shall be held on Monday of the Superior Courts.]

Mr. Elliot, the petition of John M'Rae, soliciting a loan of money, to aid him in completing his Map of the State.

Mr. Pickett reported a bill making compensation to coroners in certain cases.

**Tuesday, Jan. 23.**—Mr. Forney, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported unfavorably to the petition of sundry citizens of Nash, Wayne, Johnston and Edgecombe counties, on the subject of establishing a new county. Concurred in.

Mr. Hill, of Stokes, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Counsellors of State for the ensuing year, reported that Wm. B. Lockhart, Meshack Franklin, Gideon Alston, Geo. W. Jeffreys, John M'Dowell, Wm. Blackledge, and John Owen are duly elected. Concurred in.

**Wednesday, Jan. 24.**—Mr. Pickett reported a bill limiting the time within which deeds of trust and mortgages shall be registered, and to provide for giving publicity to the same.

Mr. Spaight, of Craven, a bill to declare runaway slaves, who arm themselves, outlaws, and to punish them for such offence; also, a bill to amend the patrol laws.

Mr. Gilchrist presented a bill further to regulate the retailing of spirituous liquors by the small measure.

Mr. Holliman, a bill to amend the act of 1796, making compensation to the owners of outlawed and executed slaves for the counties of Bladen, Halifax, Granville, Cumberland, Perquimons, Beaufort and Pitt.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, in the Chair, on the bill to locate the Judges of the Circuit Courts; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the said bill with an amendment, [virtually rejecting it;] when the Senate adjourned.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

**Thursday, Jan. 18.**—Received from the Governor a message, accompanied by a communication from the Executive of Georgia relative to the differences between that state and the general government.

Mr. Scott, from the select committee to whom was referred the memorial of A. D. Murphey, who prayed for further aid to enable him to complete the publication of his History of North-Carolina, reported a bill to authorise the President and Directors of the Literary Fund to raise by way of Lottery \$50,000.

Mr. Wyche offered a resolution, stating "that a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker, for the purpose of corresponding with different capitalists, in order to know on what terms two millions of dollars in specie can be obtained, by her creating stock to that amount, one half reimbursable in the year 1840, and one-half in 1850; and that they report to the next General Assembly." On inquiry, Mr. W. stated, that it was his intention, should he be a member of the next Legislature, to propose the establishment of the Bank of the State, provided he could obtain for it a specie capital; but unless he could obtain specie for this purpose, he would not attempt it. [The resolution was rejected on Saturday, by a very large majority.]

Mr. Webb presented a bill to extend the time for the registration of grants, mesne conveyances, powers of attorney, bills of sale, and deeds of gift.

Mr. Green, a bill for more effectually securing debts due carpenters in certain cases.

Mr. St. Clair, reported a resolution in favor of Francis Moreau, of Wilkes. [Giving him 500 acres of land on the Brushy mountains, for the purpose of cultivating the grape vine.]

Mr. Jones reported a bill for revising and digesting the public Statute Laws of the State; also, a bill to compel executors to give security in certain cases.

The bill to allow Sheriffs 10 cents a mile for travelling to Raleigh to settle their accounts, was rejected.

**Friday, Jan. 19.**—On motion of Mr. Blount, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a trespass upon lands, by pillaging the timber, an indictable offence.

Mr. Swain presented a bill to permit attorneys from other States to practice in the Courts of this State, in certain cases.

Mr. Fisher, a bill to appoint road commissioners, and for other purposes.

Mr. St. Clair, a bill fixing the sum hereafter to be paid to the State for vacant lands. [Rejected.]

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to advance the administration of justice in Courts of Equity, and to establish Courts for that purpose; and, after some time spent therein, on motion of Mr. Potter, the bill was indefinitely postponed—yeas 86, nays 36.

**Saturday, Jan. 20.**—Received from the Governor, the Annual Report of the Adjutant General of the militia of North-Carolina.

Mr. Best moved that the House hold evening sessions after Wednesday next. [Negatived.]

Mr. Foy moved that the House receive no business of a private nature after Saturday next. [This motion was also negatived.]

**Monday, Jan. 22.**—Mr. Potter presented a bill to establish a Political College for the State, which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Adams, a bill to amend the act of 1741, for the better observance and keeping of the Sabbath, and for the more effectual suppression of vice and immorality.

Mr. Bain, from the committee on Divorce and Alimony, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Smith, of Hertford, a man of colour, praying to be divorced from his wife, made a report, recommending that he be allowed to withdraw his petition. Concurred in.

**Tuesday, Jan. 23.**—Mr. Hill, of Wilmington, presented a bill for the support of sick and disabled seamen of the United States.

Mr. Hardy, a bill limiting the time within which actions shall be brought against guardians, executors and administrators.

Received from the Governor the Annual Report of the Board of Internal Improvements; also, the Report of the President and Directors of the Literary Fund.

Mr. Fisher presented a bill, directing how strays shall be advertised in future.

The resolution of the Senate relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly, was ordered to lie on the table.

**Wednesday, Jan. 24.**—Mr. Hardy presented a bill to regulate the hire of slaves.

On motion of Mr. Allison, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some provision more effectually to suppress fraud in the execution of deeds of trust, and to secure to creditors an equitable proportion of the estate of such debtors as may make deeds of trust.

Mr. Poor presented a bill to amend the act of 1784, fixing the time for paying the purchase money on entries of land.

The bill for revising and digesting the public Statute Laws of the State, was amended, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to alter the time of the annual meeting of the General Assembly, was amended, on motion, by striking out the words "second Monday of December," and inserting "third Monday of November," and read the second time and passed. [It is not believed, from the expression of sentiment in the Senate, when this bill was discussed in that body, that the amendment will be agreed to.]

**Small Pox.**—We regret to learn, from the New-York papers, that the Small Pox is making great ravages in that city. The public authorities, however, are exerting themselves to arouse the citizens to a proper sense of their duty and their danger, and taking measures, in connexion with the City Dispensary, to arrest the progress of the evil.

**Ohio.**—We learn from Ohio, that the Legislature of that State has a bill before it, the provisions of which are intended to operate as a check on the emigration of colored persons into that State.

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