

N. Carolina General Assembly.

SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 25.—Mr. McDowell presented a bill to amend an act passed in 1825, to prevent persons who have been or who may be appointed commissioners on the part of the State for any purpose, from becoming contractors.

Mr. Love, a bill to revive and continue in force an act passed in 1824, to alter and amend an act for the relief of such persons as became purchasers of the Cherokee lands sold under the authority of the State.

Mr. Alexander, a bill to amend an act passed in 1818, concerning the Supreme Court. [Requires persons who appeal from the Court below to give additional security.]

Mr. McKay, a bill to compel children who have the ability, to support their poor parents.

Friday, Jan. 26.—Mr. Elliott reported a resolution, directing the Public Treasurer to advance John MacRae, of Fayetteville, the sum of \$5,000 on loan, without interest, for five years, to assist him in publishing his contemplated Map of the State. [The resolution passed it second and third readings the next day, but with considerable opposition—on its second reading the time was reduced to four years—and its third reading, as amended, passed, 37 to 23.]

A message was received from the House of Commons, announcing the death of Leonard Martin, Esq. one of its members from Hertford county. [The usual testimonials of respect were adopted, and the Senate adjourned.]

Saturday, Jan. 27.—Mr. Marsh presented the petition of sundry citizens of Chatham county, on the subject of compelling Quakers to perform military duty.

Mr. Gray, a bill directing the duty of Sheriffs of this State, in holding elections for members of Congress & members of Assembly.

Mr. Love, a bill to extend the time for the payment of money due by the purchasers of Cherokee lands.

Mr. Speight, of Greene, a bill to incorporate "Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92," at Stantonsburg. [On Monday, this bill was read the second and third times, and ordered to be engrossed.]

Monday, Jan. 29.—Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, presented a bill to empower the commissioners of Tarborough to sell a part of the commons of said town. [The next day, this bill was read the second and third times, and ordered to be engrossed.]

Mr. Sneed, a bill to authorise the building of a Steam-boat on the Roanoke river, and to incorporate a company for that purpose.

The bill to establish a Medical Board in this State, was considered, amended, and again laid on the table.

Tuesday, Jan. 30.—Mr. Bullock presented a bill directing the time within which suits shall be brought on Constables' bonds.

The bill to amend an act passed in 1819, to prevent the fraudulent trading with slaves, was read the third time and passed.

Wednesday, Jan. 31.—A mes-

sage was received from the House of Commons, giving information of the death of John J. Bonner, one of its members from the county of Hyde. [The customary testimonials of respect were adopted, and the Senate adjourned.]

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Jan. 25.—Mr. Bain presented a bill for the better distribution of the estate of intestates.

Mr. Donoho, a bill directing the continuance of the Geological and Mineralogical survey of the State.

Mr. J. A. Hill, a bill to amend an act passed in 1806, for the more convenient and uniform administration of justice. [Proposing an additional Circuit.]

Friday, Jan. 26.—Mr. Jones of Warren, announced the death of Leonard Martin, Esq. one of the members from Hertford county, and submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this House is impressed with feelings of unfeigned grief for the death of our late fellow member, Leonard Martin, Esq. one of the representatives for the county of Hertford; and they will this evening at 3 o'clock attend his funeral obsequies.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House communicate the afflicting intelligence of the death of our fellow member to the Senate, and respectfully invite the joining of that body in the Funeral Procession.

Resolved, That this House, in token of respect for the deceased, abstain from business during this day, and that the members thereof wear crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That a committee of six members of this House be appointed to superintend and make arrangements for the Funeral.

Resolved, That the Funeral of our deceased Brother member, be at the public charge, and that the Chairman of the committee draw on the Public Treasurer for the expences thereof, which shall be allowed him in the settlement of his accounts.

The House then adjourned for half an hour, for the purpose of allowing the committee time to prepare their report. At the expiration of which time, Mr. Jones reported the order of Procession for the Funeral, which was adopted; and the House adjourned.

Saturday, Jan. 27.—Mr. W. W. Jones presented a bill to make an appropriation to improve the navigation of Cape Fear below Wilmington.

Mr. A. Moore reported a bill for the purpose of draining the low lands in the neighborhood of Matamuskeet Lake.

Monday, Jan. 29.—The following engrossed bills passed their first reading: The bill to amend the laws respecting the sale of lands and negroes by Sheriffs and other officers—and, the bill prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians.

Tuesday, Jan. 30.—The bill to prevent free persons of colour from migrating into the State, for the good government of such persons resident therein, and for other purposes, was considered, a-

mended, and passed its second reading by a vote of 75 to 39.

Mr. Whitehurst announced the death of John J. Bonner, Esq. a member of this House from Hyde county. [Resolutions similar to those in the case of L. Martin, Esq. were adopted, and the House adjourned.]

Wednesday, Jan. 31.—Mr. Blount, from the committee of Arrangements, reported the order of procession to be observed at the Funeral of the late Mr. Bonner. [The report was concurred in, and a resolution passed authorising the Funeral expences to be paid out of the Public Treasury.]



Tarborough,

SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 1827.

[We have received a second communication from "Leander," but he has overlooked the closing remark in our last week's address to correspondents—consequently his piece must remain on file. It is indispensably necessary that we either know our correspondents, or some person that does know them, previous to giving place to their effusions.

Town Commons.—By reference to the proceedings of the Legislature, it will be seen that Mr. Wilson, Senator from this county, has introduced a bill to empower the Commissioners of this town to dispose of the Town Commons.

We have received from Washington City, a pamphlet copy of the Report of the Committee on Commerce, relative to our trade with the British Colonies, (an abstract of which will be found on our last page.) Also, a copy of the "Remarks of Mr. Smith of Maryland, in the Senate of the U.S. on the subject of discriminating duties—April 18, 1826." The remarks were occasioned by an unfavorable report of the Committee of Commerce on the Petition of sundry citizens of Baltimore, praying that the discriminating duties on British vessels be abolished. Mr. S. was in favor of repealing them by law in preference to negotiation, and supported his opinion by the most energetic and conclusive arguments, which are now re-published in a pamphlet form. Our limited columns will not permit us to go into detail on these subjects; but these pamphlets, as well as the others with which we have been favored, by the politeness of the *Hon. R. Hines*, Representative in Congress from this District, are subject to the perusal of any person who will apply for them.

General Assembly.—The Raleigh papers give no intimation of the probable time of the adjournment of the Legislature—the resolution from the Senate, proposing to adjourn on the 3d inst. appears to lie undisturbed on the table of the House of Commons. It is reported that there is much sickness among the Members, this perhaps may hasten their departure—Mr. Stanly's case is hopeless, and two have already died during the present sitting, a circumstance which has not occurred before in this State. The following brief notices of the deceased, are taken from the Raleigh Star:

On Wednesday, the 24th ult. *Leonard Martin*, Esq. of the county of Hertford, was in the seat, and actively engaged in the proceedings of the House. The evening was spent in company with his friends, some of whom represented him as exhibiting a greater buoyancy than usual. The next morning he was missed from the House, and a friend calling at his room in the evening, to ascertain the cause of his absence, found him on his bed, apparently in the agonies of death. Medical aid was immediately procured; but it came too late, for in twenty minutes he was a corpse. He died, as is believed, in a fit of apoplexy.

Mr. Martin, for some years past, has been the Solicitor of the Edenton district, and was a valuable public officer. A friend, who knew him well, and in whose statement entire confidence may be reposed, represents him as having been the most benevolent of men, and hazards the opinion, that no individual in the State, in proportion to his resources, has expended more money in the accomplishment of charitable objects. And, surely, no remembrance should be so much desired—as that which shall direct the footstep, and call down the tear of the widow and the orphan over our grave.

But the recital of our calamities ends not here. On Tuesday last, *John J. Bonner*, Esq. a member of the House of Commons from the county of Hyde, closed his eyes on the unsatisfying pleasures and vanities of earth, and on Wednesday his remains were interred in the burying ground of this city, with the usual ceremonies. We had not the pleasure of an acquaintance with him; but are told, that he was a good citizen and a truly honest man.

Agreeably to established usage, the House of Commons, in both instances, on the death of these individuals being announced, adjourned until the next day, and met then, only to make the proper arrangements for the Funeral.

Extract of a letter to the Editor of the Fayetteville Jour. dated Raleigh, Jan. 30.

During the last week very little business was done in the Legislature, and as yet, not a single important bill has passed both Houses; there is still a good deal of business before some of the important committees—disposition however to do business begins to manifest itself among the members, and perhaps to do it rather too rapidly—they sat in the Commons yesterday for the first time, in the evening, and passed a number of private bills. They already begin to talk of getting away in eight or ten days.

Mr. Stanly, it is believed, is gradually sinking under his disease—he is much worse than when I wrote you last. I have understood that he himself has no expectation of recovering, and has made his final arrangements.

Legislative Sparring.—On the 24th ult. the House of Commons of this State went into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for