

Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, Dec. 10, 1802.

Dr. Mitchell presented a petition from the Surveyor of New-York, praying compensation for extraordinary services.

Referred to Committee of Claims.

M. Wadsworth presented the petition of William Douglass, and others, of Maine, praying for a remission of duties.

Referred to Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Dr. Leib presented the petition of John Hillary Baker, praying the reimbursement of certain drawback duties.

Referred to the Committee of Commerce & Manufactures.

Mr. Gregg moved the re-adoption of the resolution of the last session, authorizing the door-keeper to employ one additional assistant, two servants, and two horses, for the present session.

Agreed to.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of Gilbert Combs, representing that he had, after long study, discovered the mode of ascertaining the longitude, and praying the assistance of congress to conduct his researches.

Referred to a select committee.

There being no quorum in the Senate adjourned.

Saturday, December 11.

The petition of Eliza Frizell, of Salem (N. Y.) praying that he may be allowed the arrears of pension due to him in consideration of wounds received while a soldier in the Massachusetts line, was read and referred to the committee of claims.

The petition of James Stille, a captain in the U. S. regiment of artillery, and late commanding officer of the garrison of West-Point, praying to be indemnified for the costs and damages of a suit instituted against him in New-York, for a trespass committed by a part of his company in the neighbourhood of the garrison of West-Point on the 4th of July, 1800, without the knowledge or consent of the petitioner, was read and referred to the committee of claims.

The petition of Abraham Millen, administrator and residuary legatee of William Millen, presented Feb. 9, 1798, was called up and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The petition of Joseph McLellan and Hugh McLellan, John Faber and Daniel Taber, of Portland Maine, praying the remission of the duties of import and tonnage on foreign vessels, in the case of the ship Eliza, to which they have been subjected in consequence of one of the owners of the said ship having omitted to take the oath or affirmation within the time prescribed by law, was read, and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The petition of James Doherty and others, of the Mississippi Territory, praying that a certain tract of land in said territory may be granted to Amos Hubbard & Ebenezer Smith, as tenants in common, was read and referred to Messrs. Davis, Green and Dennis.

Monday, December 13.

The petition of James Bell, heretofore presented, was referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Davenport, from the committee of Revision and Unfinished Business, made a report in part.

Tuesday December 14.

Mr. S. Smith moved the reference of the bill for the relief of Henry Mellonier, with the papers accompanying it, to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the house that they had made a quorum, and had chosen Stephen R. Bradley President pro-tempore, in the absence of the Vice-President of the United States, and were ready to proceed to business.

The petition of — Fowler was referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, Resolved, that a committee be appointed on the part of this house, to unite with a committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the President of the United States, and inform him that the two houses have formed, and are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make to them.

Mr. Dawson, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Van Nels, appointed the committee.

A message was received from the Senate, advising the house, that they had passed a similar resolution and had appointed, on their part, a committee consisting of Mr. Wright and Mr. Theodore-Fowler.

On motion of General S. Smith, the petition of Charles Hyde, presented last session, was referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of General S. Smith the memorials of sundry manufacturers, presented last session, were referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of General S. Smith, the petition of Samuel Cork, presented last session, was referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Green presented a number of petitions from citizens of the Mississippi territory, praying that the land office, to be opened, may be within the limits of that territory, and that the actual settlers may have preemption rights extended to them;—and praying the sundry alterations in the terms of the ordinance, under which they are organized. Referred to the same committee appointed on the petition of Messrs. Dougherty, Hubbard, &c.—with the addition of two members.

Mr. Dennis stated that, he understood that at the same time that this house had passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee to join a committee of the Senate to wait on the President, the Senate had passed a resolution to the same effect.—There appeared, therefore, to be two concurrent resolutions, each originating in one house but neither of which was acted upon by the other. He, therefore moved a concurrence on the part of the House of the resolution of the Senate.—Agreed to.

The house took up the motion, made four days since, by Mr. Gregg, for the appointment of two Chaplains, of different denominations, to interchange weekly.

Mr. Davis expressed himself against the resolution.

It was defended by Messrs. Dennis, Griffo, Nicholson, Elmer, and Claiborne—Lost, ayes 24.

The resolution was then agreed to, without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dennis the petitions of William Ray and John Follwell, heretofore presented, were referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of General Varnum, the petition of Edward Burnes, heretofore presented, was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Allison moved that a committee be appointed to enquire and report what alterations may be necessary in the acts for the establishment of post-offices and post-roads, with power to report by bill or otherwise.

Committee of eleven appointed.

Mr. Davis moved that the committee appointed on post-offices and post-roads be intrusted to enquire into the expediency of making provision by law, to prevent post-masters from becoming contractors for carrying the mail. Agreed to.

On motion of Gen. Varnum the petition of Joseph Ward, and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, was referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. S. Smith moved the appointment of a committee of ways and means, of seven members. Agreed to.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed to wait upon the President, reported that they had delivered the message of the House to the President, who replied, that he would make his communication to Congress by message tomorrow.

Dr. Mitchell gave notice that immediately after the receipt of the President's message, he should offer a specific motion on the subject of French spoliations.

Wednesday, December 15, 1802.

The house proceeded to the election of a chaplain by ballot.

The reverend William Parkinson chosen. A message was received from the president of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the president of the United States to hand you a communication in writing from the president to the two houses of congress; and he delivered in the same, with sundry accompanying documents.

Ordered, That the said communication with the accompanying documents, be referred to a committee of the whole house on the state of union.

Thursday, December 16.

Mr. Nicholson reported on the petition of Thomas Herty, that the secretary of state be directed to purchase for the use of the United States, copies of Herty's digest of the laws of the United States, to be distributed as the laws of the United States are.

Committed to committee of the whole house on Monday.

On motion of Mr. Stanley, the memorial of Mecucan Hunt, and others, with certain resolutions of the State of North-Carolina, and other documents, was referred to a committee of the whole house on the 1st Monday of January.

On motion of Mr. Stanley, resolved that the committee of commerce and manufactures enquire and report on the expediency of erecting a port of entry at Beaufort, North-Carolina, at present within the district of Newbern, N. C.

Senate of the United States.

Tuesday, December 14.

Eight members present.

Seven R. Bradley, was chosen President pro-tempore.—Mr. Bradley had 9, and Mr. Tracey 7 votes.

On the election of the President, Mr. Bradley withdrew, and nine became a majority of the members present.

The Rev. Dr. Gannt was chosen Chaplain: 10 members voting for him.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Wednesday, December 1, 1802.

The committee of the whole this day took into consideration the governor's communication, as to the shutting the port of New-Orleans against the Americans, and came to two resolutions thereupon, and an address to the general government on that subject, which were unanimously agreed to, as follows—

Resolved unanimously, that the proclamation of the intendant of the port of New-Orleans, of the 18th of October last, is a direct infraction of the treaty of friendship, limits and navigation, concluded in October 1795, between the United States and the king of Spain, in this particular—that by the said proclamation, American citizens are forbidden to deposit their merchandizes and effects in the port of New-Orleans, without an equivalent establishment having been assigned to the United States, on another part of the banks of the Mississippi, conformably to the provision of the twenty-second article of the said treaty.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward the following memorial to our senators and representatives in congress, to be by them presented to the president of the United States, the senate and house of representatives of Congress.

To the President of the United States, and the senate and house of representatives of congress.

THE MEMORIAL

Of the Senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Having on a former occasion, when we represented the obstructions to the navigation of the river Mississippi, experienced the attention and justice of the general government, in providing by a treaty with the court of Spain, not only for the free navigation of that river, but for what in our remote situation from the ocean was absolutely necessary to the employment of it, a place of deposit for our produce.—We deem it necessary barely to state to you, that by an infraction of that treaty, we are deprived of these advantages, in violation of the treaty between the United States and the king of Spain concluded at San Lorenzo Real, in October 1795. The intendant of the port of New-Orleans has by a proclamation of the 18th of October last, forbidden American citizens to deposit their merchandizes and effects in the said port, without having assigned to the United States an equivalent establishment on another part of the Mississippi.

We rely with confidence on your wisdom and justice, and pledge ourselves to support at the expence of our lives and fortunes, such measures as the honor, and interest of the United States may require.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.

Yesterday arrived the schooner Sally, Dade, Alexandria, (Virg.) 14 days; brig Jefferson, Richmond, Boston, 12 days; brig Sukey, Crofs, Malaga, 61 days; ships Margaret, M'Clure, from Kingston, bound to Dublin, in distress, out 28 days.

Yesterday arrived in this port, the Bellona, of New-York. On the 8th of November last, this ship was met at sea, in lat. 42. long. 63. by the schooner John, of Salem, Sanders, master; she had lost her main and mizen masts and had been abandoned by the crew. Captain Sanders put his mate and two men on board of her, and gave them directions to try and reach the nearest port in the United States. Twenty days after, the brig Sukey, Crofs, master from Malaga, which is now at anchor at Fort-Johnston, fell in with her and put several more hands aboard, and kept company with her until she arrived here. We understand there were no papers found on board her, nor is her name on her stern; the only reason for supposing she is the Bellona, is, that a jug was found on board, with the words "Bellona of New-York" on it. The cargo on board consists of about 300 quarter casks of White Wine. It is supposed she is from Lisbon.

RALEIGH, December 20.

We have received the following communication for insertion:

On the 18th of this month the following letter came to hand. Among the many proofs of regard for the public

good, which proceed from individuals who were convinced of the necessity of enlightened religion and morality, it is thought that few can more sensibly affect us all, than what is shown in this act of the ladies of Raleigh. Believing that it will gratify the public to know of those among us who are intent upon such well directed generosity, the receiver of this letter hatters to present it to public view; and he is persuaded that while it is pleasing to reflect that our public institution is the object of such liberality, it will be doubly so, to think that the ladies of our country are the authors of it. J. C.

To the Rev. Joseph Caldwell, Presiding professor of the University of North-Carolina.

SIR,

The ladies of Raleigh learning that the globes belonging to the University, are too much defaced to be useful, respectfully present the institution with a new pair, twelve inches in diameter, with the latest discoveries, with a compass, which they intreat you, Sir, to present in their name.

Sensible of the literary advantages which the rising generation will derive from this valuable seminary of learning, they beg leave to express their affectionate wishes, that it may continue to advance in the estimation of the public, as well from the ability of the professors, as the acquirements of the students, who bringing into public life the knowledge and experience they have there imbibed, may at once be a credit to the State of North-Carolina, a crown of honour to their parents, and a blessing to themselves.

May the past, the present, and future students distinguish themselves in society no less by their literary attainments, than by a virtuous course of conduct, which giving additional lustre to talents, will render them at once useful and honourable members of society.

We are with respect,

Your obedient servants,

[Here follow the signatures.]

At a meeting of the citizens of Warrenton, on the 14th instant, in conformity to public notice given, Colonel William Johnston being chosen chairman, and Mr. William Hawkins Secretary, the following address was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be signed and forwarded to the Governor.

To his Excellency JAMES TURNER, Governor of North-Carolina. Warrenton Dec. 11, 1802.

SIR,

We received with great satisfaction the news of your election to the Chief Magistracy of this State. It is a proud day for a country when its representatives, rejecting all the aspiring views of interested politicians, and the prejudices which long habit has implanted, seek to raise such men only to the first offices of government, as with an upright and persevering zeal, consult the interests, and endeavour to promote the welfare of their fellow-citizens. Such has, indeed, been the case in the choice the legislature has made of yourself for the Executive Government of this State.

We tender you this homage of our united opinions, in the full confidence that your conduct will tend to impress the same sentiments upon the minds of those citizens of this State who are less acquainted with your views, and who have had fewer opportunities of appreciating your merits.

Be assured, Sir, of our continued regard, in whatever situation your country may place you; and of every constitutional support which your duties may require.

Signed in behalf of the Citizens of Warrenton County.

WM. JOHNSTON, Ch.

WM. HAWKINS, Sec.

NOTICE.

THE Copartnership of Fontaine and Tarbe, is this day, by mutual consent, dissolved. All persons who have demands on the said concern, as well as against F. Fontaine & Co. are requested to exhibit them for settlement without delay; and those indebted to either firm, are solicited to make immediate payment.

F. FONTAINE,
P. A. TARBE.

Wilmington, Nov. 11, 1802.