

CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES,
House of Representatives,
Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Mr. Eustis moved to postpone for one hour the unfinished business of yesterday, in order to take up a bill to provide for an additional armament for the protection of the seamen & commerce of the United States. The house accordingly went into a committee of the whole on that bill. Mr. Varnum in the chair. The committee reported the bill without amendment, the house concurred in the report, and ordered the bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Griswold moved that the house should resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the union, in order to take up the proposed amendment to the constitution respecting the election of President and Vice-President.

After some conversation, the question was taken on Mr. Griswold's motion by Yeas and Nays, and lost. Yeas 28, Nays 54.

The house then went into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of claims on the petition of George Mason. Mr. Hanna in the chair. The committee rose & reported their agreement to the report of the committee of claims, which provides for the allowance of pensions to soldiers of the South-Carolina line unprovided for; the house took up the report, concurred, and directed the committee of claims to bring in a bill.

Mr. Dawson moved that the committee of the whole on the state of the union should be discharged from the consideration of two propositions of amendment to the constitution, the one prescribing the designation of the persons voted for as President and Vice-President, the other prescribing that the representatives and electors shall be chosen in districts.

Both motions were carried without a division.

The house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the resolutions of Mr. Bacon to recede to the states of Maryland and Virginia, the district of Columbia. Mr. John C. Smith in the chair. A debate which continued till 4 o'clock, ensued; in which Messrs. Sallee, Bacon, Claiborne and Varnum supported; and Messrs. Bayard, Gregg, Randolph, Eustis, Thatcher and Southard opposed the resolutions. When the question was taken agreeing to the first resolution, for receding that part of the district on the south side of the Potomac, to Virginia, and lost, Ayes 22.

The question was taken on the second resolution, for receding the other part of the district to Virginia, and lost without a division. The committee then rose and the house concurred.

Mr. Bayard offered a resolution for the appointment of three legal characters by the President, to revise the laws of Maryland and Virginia, and form therefrom an uniform system for the district of Columbia, to report the same to Congress.

Mr. Mitchell moved the appointment of a committee of both houses, to enquire into the state of the public buildings, what repairs are required, and the expense attending the same.

Mr. Eustis offered two resolutions the one for making such alterations in the Capital as are required for the future accommodation of Congress; and the other appropriating the sum of dollars.

All the above resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Thursday, Feb. 10.

The bill to provide an additional armament for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Greene presented certain resolutions of the legislature of the Mississippi territory expressive of their sense of the shutting the port of New-Orleans. Referred.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of New-York, praying for the erection of a plain monument to the memory of those who had perished on board the British prison ships, during the late war, and whose skeletons had lately been disinterred in digging the navy-yard. Referred.

Mr. Thompson from the committee appointed on the memorials of the city of Washington and Alexandria, reported a bill for establishing the government of Columbia. This bill establishes a legislature composed of a House of Representatives to be chosen annually, and a Senate to be chosen biannually, by the freemen who have resided in the territory 12 months and paid taxes. No person to be eligible as a member of the House of Representatives unless resident in the territory for three years, and possessed of a freehold for the same time; and no person to be eligible as a member of the Senate unless possessed of property

in value amounting to 500 dollars. Referred.

The house went into a committee of the whole on the report of the committee on the propositions of the convention of Ohio, Mr. Varnum in the chair.

Sundry resolutions reported by the committee were agreed to. The committee rose and the house concurred in the report, and ordered bills to be brought in.

On motion of Mr. Dawson the house went into a committee of the whole, Mr. J. C. Smith in the chair, on the report of the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to our concerns with the Indian tribes, and the establishment of a new settlement.

The report of the committee, with slight amendments, was agreed to; the committee rose; the house concurred in their report, and ordered bills to be brought in.

On the call of Mr. Newton, the House went into a committee of the whole, Mr. John C. Smith in the chair, on the bill making an appropriation of \$7,000 dollars for the preservation of timber on Navy-Yards and for the improvement thereof, after some debate the committee rose, and the bill was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Early from the committee appointed on the memorial from Georgia, and the report of the Secretary of War, reported a resolution for making provision by law for the payment of certain militia employed in Georgia in 1793 and 1794, for the defence of the said state. Referred.

Mr. Hill reported anew the bill to prevent the importation of certain persons in certain states into which their admission is prohibited. Referred.

Tuesday, Feb. 11.

A bill for the relief of Moses White passed the third time.

The house went into a committee on the bill making provision for persons who have been disabled by known wounds received in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war. A debate of considerable length ensued on the competency of the provisions of the bill to secure the ends contemplated by it. The bill provides for the application of individuals for pensions.

Dr. Eustis was in favour of a provision in the room of that, authorising the secretary of war, to examine each case and to make report to Congress. To obtain this alteration to the bill, he moved that the committee should rise, when he would further move the recommitment of the bill to a select committee. This motion did not prevail. Several amendments were then made, when the committee rose, and reported the bill with the amendments, which was ordered to lie on the table.

About 2 o'clock Mr. Nicholson said he had a report to make on a subject which had been acted upon with closed doors. The galleries were cleared, and the house continued their sitting until 4 o'clock, when an adjournment took place.

Saturday, Feb. 12.

The house completed the bill for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire at Portsmouth.

Mr. Southard made a report respecting military land warrants, giving further time to the holders of military landwarrants to locate the same, to locate them on less portion than 4000 acres &c. Report agreed to, and a bill ordered to be brought in.

Mr. Hunger made a report on so much of the President's message as relates to fostering our fisheries. Referred.

On motion of General S. Smith, the committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the report of the committee of commerce and manufactures on discriminating and countervailing duties.

The galleries were then cleared and the house proceeded to confidential business.

Monday, Feb. 14.

Mr. Leib presented sundry memorials from aliens of Pennsylvania, praying for a modification of the naturalization act, which being free from the exceptionable passages contained in the former petitions, were referred.

A bill supplementary to the act providing passports for the ships and vessels of the U. States, was read a third time and passed.

The report of the select committee respecting the militia laws, was taken up and agreed to; and Messrs. Varnum and Butler were appointed to wait on the President with the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the President of the U. States be requested to write to the Executive of each state, urging the importance and indispensable necessity of vigorous exertions on the part of the State Governments, to carry into effect the militia system adopted by the National Legislature, agreeably to the powers reserved to

the states respectively, by the constitution of the U. States, and in a manner the best calculated to insure such a degree of military discipline and knowledge of tactics, as will under the auspices of a benign Providence, render the militia a sure and permanent bulwark of national defence."

About half past two, Mr. Nicholson called for the unfinished business of Saturday, on which the galleries were cleared.

Tuesday, Feb. 15.

As soon as the journal of the preceding day was read, on motion of Mr. Nicholson, the galleries were cleared.

A bill to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war, and a bill in addition to an act more effectually, to provide for the national defence by the establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, were read the third time and passed.

Mr. Holms made a report from the committee appointed to enquire whether any and what provision ought to be made by law for allowing persons who do, at this time, labour under disabilities in consequence of known wounds received in the service of the United States, and who have not heretofore been provided for; and were also instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the time for the settlement of claims for services rendered, and supplies furnished during the revolutionary war. Referred.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee of ways and means, presented a bill making an appropriation for the support of the navy of the U. States for the year 1803. Referred.

Mr. Davis reported a bill for continuing in force an act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes. Referred.

The house resolved into a committee of the whole on the report of a select committee respecting claims against the United States, for the services of the militia of the state of Georgia.

After some debate, the committee rose, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

FOR SALE,
That valuable Plantation,
WELL known by the name of SPRING FIELDS, in the neighbourhood of Rocky-Point, about one mile from the Ferry, and 15 from Wilmington, containing 640 acres, one hundred and twenty of which is tide Swamp, thirty acres of which is cleared.

35 acres inland Swamp, banked and ditched, and has been planted several years, and produced excellent Crops; is so situated that it may be watered at any time from the Mill pond. About

300 acres of upland, cleared, (its quality good,) well calculated for the culture of Corn, Cotton, or final grain; about fifty acres of good upland to clear; the remaining part is well timbered with pine timber, and very convenient to the plantation.

There is on the premises a two story house, 40 feet long and 22 wide, in which there is a geared Grist Mill, the stones 4 1-2 feet diameter, and a Rice Machine that works eight pebbles. This Machine is worked by the same water-wheel that works the stones, separate or both together, on so simple a plan that any common Carpenter may make the necessary repairs, when required.

Also, a brick Barn 48 feet long and 22 feet wide, lately new covered; a dwelling house, kitchen, and a number of out houses.

The above described Lands lay on the north-east River, and there is a creek running through it navigable for small boats, nearly to the centre. Its situation for range is equal to any in the county.

Indisputable good titles will be made, and immediate possession given to the purchaser.

Any person wishing to purchase said Plantation will please apply to the subscriber at Green-Fields near Wilmington. HENRY HALSEY.
January 25.—11.

Allum Salt, and fourth proof Rum, just received, and for sale by
D. SMITH.
February 21.—2w.

FOR SALE
Cheap for Cash,
3 or 4 likely country
born Negroes. Apply to
the Printer.
March 3.

Wanted on Charter,
Two vessels to load for Europe, and one for the West-Indies, for which a liberal price will be given by
THOS. J. BEATTY.
Wilmington, Feb. 24.

WILMINGTON, March 10, 1802.
Lately imported in several Vessels and for sale under the direction of
Joshua Potts,
51 Puncheons 3rd proof Rum, prime quality.
22 Hhds. Molasses, from Martinique
10 Do. Sugar, St. Lucia,
30 Barrels do. Grenada,
10 Bags Coffee, St. Domingo,
25 Quarter casks Sherry Wine,
4 Casks Linseed Oil,
35 Kegs Spanish Brown ground in oil,
30 Tons Swedish Bar Iron,
25 Cwt. ditto, Steel in boxes,
1 Bundle German Steel,
7 Ditto, Blistered ditto,
9 Ditto, Crawley ditto,
18 Casks Nails, 8d. and 6d.
5 Boxes Cotton Cards, No. 6, 8, 9, 10,
2 Ditto, wool ditto, No. 6.
130 Bolts Dutch Canvas.
Also for sale,
AMERICAN PRODUCE.
TOBACCO, FLOUR,
PORK, DEER SKIN,
LARD, RICE,
YALLOW, SAWED LUMBER,
BEES-WAX, 1 COTTON MACHINE
3 NEW BOATS, SHIP BREAD.

Just imported,
And to be sold at reasonable prices
for Cash or Produce.
BARBADOES, Montserrat,
Rat, and St. Croix } RUM
Sugar in hhd. and barrels,
Coffee in barrels and bags,
Surinam Molasses,
Ruffin Iron, by the ton or cwt.
N. E. Rum, &c.
JOCELIN, GAUTIER, & Co.
December 30.

Sheriff's Sales.
On the 18th Day of March next,
WILL BE SOLD
Under the Court-House in this town.
TWO valuable Lots of Ground;
One situated on the east side of Front-Street, adjoining John Martin and Dr. De Koller; the other on the west side of said street, just below Mr. John Bradley's white house and adjoining Major John Walker's Lot, on the wharf—the property of John Blakely, deceased; to satisfy sundry executions to me directed.

ALSO,
A House & Lot on Third-Street, the property of Michael Kenan, deceased, to satisfy an execution, the Executor of Hugh Campbell, deceased, vs. said Kenan.
Wm. BLUDWORTH, Sheriff.
Wilmington, Jan. 27.

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.
A. TARBIE.
Wilmington, Nov. 21, 1802.

Ten Dollars Reward,
WILL be given for taking up and delivering to me, a runaway negro fellow well known by the name of SPARROW, whom I lately purchased of Anthony B. Toomer, Esq. If Sparrow will come in and deliver himself up to me within one month from this date, he shall be pardoned. All persons are hereby forbid harbouring, employing or carrying him away at their peril.
DIXON BOGUE,
Wilmington, Feb. 24th, 1803.

FOR SALE
ON board the Schooner Adventure, lying at John M'Leelan's wharf, a few barrels of excellent pickled Mackerel & Herrings. Also, Tanner's Oil in tierces and barrels.
JOHN BUTTERWORTH.
March 10.

LAST NOTICE.
ALL persons residing within the county of N. Hanover, & who have not paid their taxes for the year 1801, and arrearages for 1800, are respectively requested to come forward and pay the same, on or before the first day of the ensuing county court, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs.
Wm. BLUDWORTH, Shff.
February 10th, 1803.

Ninety Dollars Reward.
ELOPED from the Hermitage in the 10th of this instant, the following Negroes, belonging formerly to John Burgwin, Esq. but they are now my property, viz:
ABRAM, a carpenter, who is well known in and about Wilmington as a fiddler; he took off with him his wife named HANNAH, about 34 years of age, and their daughter a likely young girl of about 15 years of age named JESSEE and two younger children, boys, named MARCUS and NEGER.
NED, a Blacksmith, a likely young fellow, about 22 years of age is tall and slender made, and smooth faced, has a wife at Fayetteville, the property of Mrs. Vance, to which place it is probable he may bend his course.
JEM, a likely young fellow, about 26 years old, he has a wife the property of Mrs. M. Jones, in Wilmington, named Grace, who will no doubt entertain him; also two of his brothers,
LONDON and ZEBB; the first is about 10, the other about 15 years of age, London is a very smooth faced likely boy, Zebb is rather awkward and scrawny.
JEHU, a likely smooth faced young fellow, is tall and slender, about 22 years old, he was hired last year to Mr. Balfey at Green Fields, and has a wife there named Amy, who I suppose will harbour him.
AJAX, an old lusty fellow, smooth faced, speaks plain and is upwards of 50 years old.
All the said Negroes (the last excepted) are young and likely, and all speak very plain English, and are extremely plausible in deception; Abram has a rupture, but is notwithstanding active and strong.
Ten Dollars will be paid for each, to any person apprehending any of them, on their being delivered to John Lord, Esq. in Wilmington; or Ninety dollars for the whole in proportion, on being delivered as aforesaid or secured in any goal in this state so that the subscriber may have them.
GEORGE C. CLITHERALL.
January 20.—11.
I will give FIFTY DOLLARS for apprehending the said Negroes, in addition to the above reward.
JOHN BURGWIN.
March 10.

NOTICE.
ALL persons indebted to the estate of William Jones, dec. are requested to make payment immediately—and those who have demands against said estate, are desired to bring forward their accounts properly attested, for payment. One of the subscribers, will attend at South-Washington on the 10th of March next, for the purpose of collecting the debts due said estate.
DAVID JONES,
JAMES BLUDWORTH, } Exr.
February 10.

ADVERTISEMENT.
The subscriber again offers for sale his valuable plantation on Holly Shelter. For the convenience of purchasers, the rich lands shall be divided as to make two capital settlements. The terms will be moderate. One half of the purchase money will be required to be paid down, the residue in twelve and a half months.
M. SAMPSON.
November 25.

An apprentice to the Printing Business, is wanted at this office.