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SENATE.

Thursday, Dec. 30. Mr. Forney, from the committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred a resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to open a road from Fayetteville, by the way of Salem, to Wilkesborough; also a bill authorizing the improving of the road from Fayetteville to Wilkesborough, reported the said bill with an amendment. The bill was thereupon read and laid on the table.

A message from the other House, stating that they have passed the following with amendments: The engrossed bill, to amend the act of 1815, to incorporate the town of Charlotte; the engrossed bill, authorizing Nicholas Washington to erect a gate across the road leading through his plantation in Wayne county; the resolution in favor of Elizabeth Reeves, of Wake county; the bill for the more convenient administration of justice in the County Courts of Guilford, Caswell, Sampson, Wayne, Burke and Wilkes; and the engrossed bill to alter the time of holding the Superior Courts of Northampton and Halifax. Which amendments, with the exception of that to the last-mentioned bill, were agreed to by the Senate.

A message from the House of Commons, stating that they have passed a bill to establish Swansborough Academy, and to incorporate the trustees thereof; a bill to regulate the manner in which commissioners for the town of Ashe county, was read the second time, amended by inserting the words "and New Hanover" after the word Ashe, and adding at the end of the first section the words "or other reasonable excuse;" and then read the third time, and sent to the other House for concurrence in the amendments.

The engrossed bill directing the manner in which commissioners for the town of Chapel Hill shall in future be appointed; the engrossed bill to amend an act concerning divorce and alimony; and the engrossed bill for restraining theatrical representations in the vicinity of the University, passed their second and third readings, and were ordered to be enrolled.

The engrossed bill more effectually to suppress the practice of treating in elections, being read the second time, Mr. Davis moved for its indefinite postponement; the question on which was decided in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Speaker, there being an equal number for and against the motion.

Friday, Dec. 31. The following engrossed bill and resolutions passed their first, second and third readings, and were ordered to be enrolled: A bill concerning lands held under leases from the Tuscarora tribe of Indians; a resolution relative to the contractors below Wilmington; and a resolution in favor of Needham Whitfield.

The following engrossed bills and resolutions passed their second and third readings, and were ordered to be enrolled: A bill authorizing the County Courts of Pasquotank to purchase one or more acres of land, for the use of said county; a bill establishing Swansborough Academy, and incorporating the trustees thereof; a bill concerning the town of Edenton; a bill amending the several acts now in force to prevent the obstruction of fish passing up the Roanoke and Cashie rivers, and their waters, and the Albemarle Sound; a bill repealing the acts authorizing the appointment of special justices in the town of Fayetteville; a bill to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the thoroughfare between Cedar Island and Hall's Point, in Carteret county; a bill establishing and laying off a town on the lands of James Gordon, in Anson county; a bill amending the act of 1821, entitled "An act to amend an act passed in the year 1810, entitled 'An act to amend an act passed in the year 1809, entitled 'An act to amend the several acts heretofore passed relative to the removal of obstructions to the passage of fish up the several rivers within this state, so far as the same relates to the Pee Dee and Yadkin rivers; a bill authorizing Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 74, to raise certain sums of money by way of lottery; a resolution in favor of Green Bobbitt; and a resolution authorizing the purchase of furniture for the Governor's House.

The engrossed bill to regulate the patrol of Ashe county, was read the second time, amended by inserting the words "and New Hanover" after the word Ashe, and adding at the end of the first section the words "or other reasonable excuse;" and then read the third time, and sent to the other House for concurrence in the amendments.

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The engrossed bill to regulate the elections for Washington county, passed its second and third readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

The engrossed bill to amend the act of 1819, making the protest of a notary public evidence in certain cases, and to extend the provisions thereof to the drawee or acceptor of a bill of exchange or other negotiable security, was rejected on its third reading.

Nelson Nash, of Anson county, reported that the Senate ought to recede from their amendment; which report was concurred in. The Senate accordingly receded, and the House of Commons was informed thereof.

A message from the other House, stating that they have passed the engrossed bill respecting military land warrants, with an amendment, by adding the third section. The amendment was agreed to, and the House of Commons informed thereof.

A message from the House of Commons, stating their agreement to the amendments made by the Senate to the engrossed bill appointing commissioners to view and lay off a road from Rutherfordton, by Hiko's Mill Dam, to Asheville, and in the progress of the road regulate the patrol of Ashe county. The said bills were then ordered to be enrolled.

A message from the other House, stating that they have passed the engrossed bill to amend the act of 1819, to create a fund for internal improvement, and to establish a board for the government thereof, with several amendments, which were concurred in by the Senate.

Another message from the House of Commons, stating their agreement to the amendments made by the Senate to the engrossed bill, directing the completion of a public road from Parkville, in Perquimans county, to Pasquotank river bridge; and the same was then ordered to be enrolled.

The engrossed bill to carry into effect a contract made by Benjamin Robinson and William Roberts with certain Cherokee Indians, was returned from the House of Commons, with a message, stating that it had passed the House with sundry amendments; which amendments were agreed to by the Senate.

The resolution, from the other House, in favor of Richard Bradley and Joseph Elkins, was adopted and ordered to be enrolled.

Monday Jan. 3.

A message from the other House, stating their agreement to the amendment made by the Senate to the engrossed bill to alter the time of holding the County Courts of Washington county. The said bill was then ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Shober, the vote on the adoption of the amendment proposed by the House of Commons to the engrossed bill to amend the act of 1819, creating a fund for internal improvement, and establishing a board for the government thereof, was reconsidered, and the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the Whole. Mr. Wilson in the Chair, to take into consideration the said bill and the amendment proposed by the House of Commons. After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and reported the said bill, with an amendment to the amendment proposed by the other House, by inserting after the words "three thousand five hundred dollars," the words "and his expenses while in actual service and from home, which shall not exceed one dollar and fifty cents per day." Which report was not concurred in. The question then recurred on agreeing to the amendment proposed by the House of Commons; which was decided in the affirmative—yeas 51, nays 19.

A message from the other House, stating that they have passed the following engrossed bills, with amendments: A bill altering the time of holding the Superior Courts of the fourth judicial circuit, and the time of holding the County Courts of Guilford, Rockingham and Person; and the bill supplemental to the act of 1806, regulating and ascertaining the pilotage that shall be allowed the Pilots at Ocracoke Inlet and Swashes. Which amendments were concurred in by the Senate.

Mr. Seawell presented a bill to provide against the introduction and spread of contagious diseases in this state; which passed its first, second and third readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Welborn presented a resolution, directing the Treasurer to pay to Joseph Gales & Son 250 dollars, for certain extra printing; which was agreed to, and sent to the other House for their concurrence.

Mr. Love, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to repeal the act of last session, to amend the act of 1795, for appointing commissioners to fix on a proper place in the county of Wilkes, and to erect thereon a court house, prison and stocks, reported the same with an amendment. Thereupon the bill, as amended, passed its second and third readings, and was sent to the other House for concurrence in the amendment.

The engrossed resolution in favor of Thomas F. Davis, was read, adopted, and ordered to be enrolled.

third readings, and were ordered to be enrolled: A bill directing the erection of a Treasury Office, authorizing the Treasurer to employ an assistant clerk, directing improvements in the office of the Secretary of State, and fixing hours of business to be observed by the heads of departments; a bill to establish and regulate a turnpike road in the counties of Rutherford and Buncombe; and a bill granting further time to file appeals in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Mead offered the following resolutions, which were laid on the table: Resolved, that it is expedient to amend the Constitution of the United States, so that Congress shall have power to construct roads and canals; that all money appropriated for such objects shall be apportioned among the several states according to the last enumeration of the respective numbers, and applied to the constructing and repairing roads and canals within the several states, as Congress may direct. But any state may consent to the appropriation in the constructing or repairing of roads and canals without its own limits. No such road or canal shall, however, be made in a state without the consent of the Legislature thereof; and all such monies shall be expended under their direction.

Resolved further, that his Excellency the Governor be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Executive of each state in the Union and to the Senators and Representatives from this state in the Congress of the United States.

The bill, from the House of Commons, to amend the act of the present session, to carry into effect a contract made by Benjamin Robinson and William Roberts, commissioners on the part of the state, with certain Cherokee Indians, was rejected by the Senate.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for two Trustees of the University, reported that John Scott, of Hillsborough, and Joseph Hawkins, of Raleigh, were duly elected; which report was concurred in.

The bill, from the other House, supplemental and explanatory of the act of the present session, entitled "An act to amend an act, passed in the year 1819, to create a fund for internal improvement, and to establish a board for the government thereof," passed its first, second and third readings, and was ordered to be enrolled—yeas 26, nays 23.

Tuesday, Jan. 4.

A message from the House of Commons, stating their agreement to the amendment made by the Senate to the resolution, appointing Commissioners on Education, &c. The said resolution was then ordered to be enrolled.

A message from the other House, stating their agreement to the amendment made by the Senate in the bill to repeal the act of last session, amending the act of 1795, for appointing commissioners to fix on a proper place in Wilkes county, and to erect thereon a court house, prison and stocks. The said bill was then ordered to be enrolled.

The following bills, from the other House, passed their first, second and third readings, and were ordered to be enrolled: A bill fixing certain fees of the clerks of the County and Superior Courts; and a bill to amend the act of 1823, amending the militia laws of this state relative to the cavalry.

A message from the House of Commons, stating that they have passed a bill to extend the provisions and penalties of the act of 1819, more effectually to punish the making, passing or attempting to pass counterfeit bank notes; and a resolution in favor of John Lumsden. Which resolution was adopted by the Senate, and ordered to be enrolled; and the bill was read the first, second and third times, passed, amended, and returned to the other House for their concurrence in the amendment.

A message from the other House, stating that they have passed the engrossed bill to continue in force certain parts of the act of 1822, for the promotion of agriculture and family domestic manufactures, with an amendment, by striking out the fifth section of the bill.—Which amendment was agreed to by the Senate.

Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Mr. Carson, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for a Board of Internal Improvement for the ensuing year, reported that Daniel M. Forney, James Iredell and Edward B. Dudley were duly elected. Which report was concurred in.

The resolution, from the other House, in favor of John Barnett, passed its first, second and third readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

The following bills, from the House of Commons, passed their first, second and third readings, and were ordered to be enrolled: A bill to provide for revising and consolidating the several acts concerning administrators and executors; and a bill to amend the act of 1816, prescribing the manner in which the public printing shall in future be regulated.

A message from the House of Com-

mons, stating their agreement to the amendments made by the Senate to the engrossed bill, to extend the provisions and penalties of the act of 1819, more effectually to punish the making, passing, or attempting to pass counterfeit bank notes, and for other purposes. The said bill was thereupon ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate then adjourned sine die.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 30. On motion of Mr. Burgen, the bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to run and mark the dividing line between Lincoln and Burke, was reconsidered and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to repeal the fifth section of the act of 1806, for the more uniform and convenient administration of justice within this state, and to locate the judges of the Superior Courts, was read the second time and postponed indefinitely.

The bill to secure to Sarah Allen, of Caswell, such property as she may hereafter acquire, was rejected on its first reading.

The bills to secure to Elizabeth Fry, Margaret Jackson, & Sarah Hendricks, such property as they may hereafter acquire, were read the first time and postponed indefinitely.

The bill to create a fund for the purpose of educating that part of the infant population of this state, who shall, from time to time, be found destitute of the means of becoming otherwise properly taken care of in that particular; and the bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Franklin, were read and indefinitely postponed.

The bill to divorce Violet W. Lindsay, of Lincoln, from her husband Samuel W. Lindsay, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

The resolutions in favor of Needham Whitfield, Dick Walker, and the Rev. Humphrey Posey, were read the second and third times, and ordered, the former to be engrossed, and the two latter enrolled.

The bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to run and mark the dividing line between the counties of Lincoln and Burke, passed its second and third readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

The bill making compensation to the jurors of the Superior and County Courts of Hertford, and the bill to regulate the County Courts of Columbus, were postponed indefinitely on their second reading.

Friday, Dec. 31.

Mr. J. A. Bynum presented a bill for the more effectual preventing the escape of runaway slaves, by assuming the privileges of free people of color; which was read the first time and postponed indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Picot, the bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Franklin, was reconsidered, and then ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution, presented by Mr. Hill on the 22d instant, for the purchase of a dredging or mud-machine, to be employed in deepening the Cape Fear river below Wilmington, was read and postponed indefinitely.

The bill, from the Senate, extending the power of Courts of Equity as far as it regards the estates of infants, was read the first time and postponed indefinitely.

The Bill to prevent protracted litigation, by enlarging the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, was read the second time, and postponed indefinitely—yeas 56, nays 55.

The resolution, presented by Mr. Lamb on the 21st instant, instructing the Governor to cause an information to be filed against the several incorporated banks of this state, was read and postponed indefinitely—yeas 63, nays 47.

Saturday, Jan. 1, 1825.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. S. M. Neill; the petition of sundry citizens of Rutherford county; and the petition of sundry citizens of Robeson county, made a report, recommending the rejection of said petitions. Concurred in.

Mr. Polk, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of forming all free colored men between 18 and 50 years of age, into a squad of Pioneers, made a report, recommending the rejection of said resolution. Concurred in.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions of the state of Georgia, on the subject of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and, not having time for the due consideration thereof, it was resolved, that the further consideration of the subject be referred to the next General Assembly.