

to a seat; and, on motion of Mr. Hill, of Franklin, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the first day of April next.

Mr. Pickett, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill to amend the act of 1814, concerning Divorce and Alimony; which was read the first time.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Mary Fields, of Ashe, praying to be divorced from her husband; which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Divorce and Alimony.

Mr. Sneed presented a bill to alter the names of John W. Grisham, sen., Mary Grisham, and John G. Grisham, jr. which was rejected.

The bill to change the corporate name of the trustees of the Richmond Academy, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Davidson, of Mecklenburg, laid on the table.

Mr. Pickett presented a bill to prevent the falling timber in, or obstructing the run of Brown Creek, in Anson county; and Mr. Melvin, a bill authorizing the County Court of Bladen to appoint commissioners to lay off Turnbull Creek, in said county, into districts, for the purpose of being worked on & rendered navigable. Which bills were read, the former the first time, and the latter the first, second and third times.

The bill, from the other House, to amend the act of 1792, entitled "An act to prevent the stealing of slaves, or by violence, seduction, or any other means, taking or carrying away any slave or slaves, the property of another," was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Hill, of Stokes, made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to amend the act making further provision in favor of the owners of strays, was rejected on its second reading.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Speight, of Greene, in the Chair, on the engrossed bill more effectually to suppress the practice of treating in elections; and, after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and reported the bill, with an amendment. The bill and amendment were then, on motion of Mr. Seawell, indefinitely postponed—yeas 40, nays 16.

The bill to amend the act of 1824, altering the time of holding the Superior Courts in the 4th Judicial Circuit, and the County Courts of Guilford, Rockingham and Person, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Sneed, indefinitely postponed.

Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Mr. Nicholls presented a bill to repeal the act of 1822, entitled "An act making compensation to the jurors of the Superior and County Courts of Moore, Carteret and Bertie," so far as relates to Bertie; which was read the first time.

Mr. Pickett presented the petition of Thos. Rogers, of Anson, praying for a grant of land; Mr. Baughn, the petition of Margaret Joyce, praying authority to erect a gate on a certain road; and Mr. Hill, of Stokes, the petition of Elizabeth Fry, praying that the property which she may hereafter acquire, be secured to her. The two first mentioned petitions were referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances, and the last to the committee of Divorce and Alimony.

Mr. Pickett, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Granville, reported that it is inexpedient to alter or amend the laws respecting trial by jury. Concurred in.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of sundry stockholders of a Turnpike Road Company therein mentioned, praying that certain acts relative to the incorporation be amended or repealed. Referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

The amendment made by the other House to the bill in addition to the several acts heretofore passed concerning the town of Trenton, was agreed to by the Senate.

The resolution, from the House of Commons, in favor Lewis Gomez, of Wilmington, was adopted by the Senate and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill authorizing the Board of Internal Improvement to cause a survey of a road to be made from Morganton to the Tennessee line, was rejected on its third reading.

The bill further to amend the several acts to advance the administration of justice, was rejected on its third reading—yeas 31 to 25.

Mr. McDowell, of Burke, presented a bill to amend the act of 1824, authorizing the appointment of commissioners to run and mark the dividing line between the counties of Lincoln and Burke; which was read the first time.

Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Mr. Pickett, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of amending the road law, so as not to compel Grand Jurors to present roads that are kept in reasonable repair, reported that it is inexpedient to make such amendment; which was concurred in.

Mr. Gilchrist, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to alter, in part, the times of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in

the 5th Judicial Circuit, reported the said bill without amendment and it was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Pool presented a bill to amend the act of 1824, to authorize the opening a road in the counties of Camden and Pasquotank, and putting a float bridge across Pasquotank river; Mr. Jones, of Rowan, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act directing the time and place of sales of land and slaves under execution;" Mr. Mathews, a bill to alter the name of, and to legitimate Mary Ann Allender; and Mr. Leak, a bill to repeal the act of 1812, directing the time and manner of appointing overseers of roads in Richmond county. Which bills were read the first time, and the first mentioned referred to the committee of Internal Improvement.

Mr. Legrand presented the petition of Duncan M. Rae, of Montgomery county, which was referred to the Judiciary committee.

The amendments made by the other House, to the engrossed bill to amend an act for the better care of orphans, and security and management of their estates, were agreed to by the Senate.

A resolution, declaring that no bill of a private nature shall be presented after the 24th instant, was adopted, and sent to the House of Commons for their concurrence.

The bill to amend the act of 1814, concerning divorce and alimony, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hill, of Franklin, laid on the table.

The report of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a resolution directing an inquiry into the expediency of amending the law of descents, was concurred in.

The resolution from the other House, authorizing the Treasurer to sell the old bell belonging to the State, was agreed to and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to authorize the building of a toll bridge over the Cape Fear, and to incorporate a company for that purpose, was read the first and second times.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 15.

Mr. Raiford presented a bill prescribing the time and places, at which elections shall be held in Wayne county, and to repeal part of an act on the same subject passed in 1824; Mr. Caldwell, a bill to amend an act concerning the town of Salisbury, passed in 1822, chapter 52, and for other purposes; Mr. Borden, a bill to authorize the County Court of Carteret to appoint special Justices of the Peace, and to make compensation to such justices for certain services. Which bills were read the first time.

The bill to point out the manner in which Overseers of Roads shall apply the monies received by them for fines, was rejected.

Unfavorable reports were received and concurred in, on the petitions of Jane Whitley of Mecklenburg, and Moses Kiser, of Montgomery.

A communication was received from the Governor, covering the report of the Board for Internal Improvements, which was read & ordered to be printed.

The bill more effectually to suppress the practice of treating in elections was read the third time. Mr. Rand moved to amend the bill by adding, "that no person shall ride or attend any public gathering for the purpose of electioneering;" which was negatived. Mr. Durgan moved for its indefinite postponement; which was also negatived—Yeas 55, Nays 65. The bill then passed its third reading, 65 to 56, and was sent to the Senate.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Polk in the Chair, on the bill to establish a Bank of the State; and, after considerable debate, the committee rose and obtained leave to sit again.

Friday, Dec. 16.

Mr. Burns presented a bill for the better regulation of the town of Beaufort; Mr. Smith, a bill giving exclusive jurisdiction to the Superior Court of Anson of pleas and prosecutions of the State; Mr. Wm. Underwood, a bill to amend an act, passed in 1817, establishing a Flour Ware house in the town of Fayetteville; Mr. Alford, a bill concerning the appointment and power of patrollers in Robeson county; Mr. Burns, a bill to amend an act passed in 1813, directing how persons injured by Mill Dams shall in future proceed to recover damages, and to amend the 10th section of an act, passed in 1777, directing the duty of millers; Mr. Cox, a bill to repeal part of an act, passed in 1817, pointing out the duties of the overseers of roads in this State. Which bills were read the first time.

The bills to legitimate Peggy Orrell, and to alter the names of Lovey Hassell and Sidney Hassell, and to legitimate them, & to secure to Sarah McCullers, of Orange county, such property as she may hereafter acquire, were read & rejected.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Polk in the Chair, on the bill to establish a Bank of the State; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose and recommended to the House that the 1st section of the bill be stricken out. Mr. Iredell moved that the further consideration of the bill and Report be postponed

indefinitely; which was carried—Yeas 73, Nays 51.

Saturday, Dec. 17.

Mr. Banner presented a bill to establish two separate Elections in Hyde county; which was read and rejected.

Mr. Webster presented a bill to amend an act, passed at the last session, to appoint Commissioners to contract with Jegemah Land for a piece of Land for the use of Currituck county; and Mr. Wright, a bill to amend an act to authorize the County Courts of Chatham, Anson, Bladen, &c. to appoint a committee of Finance, passed in 1822, so far as relates to the county of Bladen. Which were read the first time.

Mr. Polk presented a bill to divorce Robert Bingham; which was read the first time.

Mr. Scott, from the Select committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of establishing a Medical Board, reported a bill to establish a Medical Society, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State; which was read the first time, ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Blount presented a bill authorizing the County Court of Beaufort to appoint a committee of Finance; Mr. Bayman, a bill respecting the County Court of Tyrrell. Which bills were read the first time.

The bill to amend an act to prevent the stealing of slaves &c. passed in 1792, was read the third time, & a motion made for its indefinite postponement which was negatived—59 to 40. The question on its passage was determined in the affirmative, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Monday, Dec. 19.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, ordered that the bill to repair and improve road leading from Columbia, in Tyrrell to Gum Neck and Frying Pan, be referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Wilson presented a bill for relief of Peter Dowell, late Sheriff Wilkes; and Mr. Pugh, a bill to repeal the act of 1822, to exempt certain citizens of Hyde from public duty; which were read the first time.

The following bills, from the Senate passed their first reading: the bill concerning the town of Oxford; the bill legitimating Frances Ann and Wm. W. Kinney; the bill to amend the several acts heretofore in force, regulating the proceedings in Courts of Equity; and the bill to designate what persons shall hereafter be liable to serve as overseers.

The bill directing the manner in which dowers shall hereafter be taken, was read the first time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Wm. Boylan and other petitioners a detailed account of the instances upon which Mr. W. Boylan offered a resolution, authorizing the Treasurer to pay to Wm. Boylan the rest of the heirs of Benj. M'Chesney \$1,367 67. Which resolution passed its first reading.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the letter of Lewis Pez, of Wilmington, reported a resolution to carry into effect the prayer of the said letter; which resolution was read and passed.

Mr. Crawford presented a bill giving compensation to the jurors of Currituck county; and Mr. Cooper, a bill to establish a poor house in Martin county. Which bills were read the first time.

Mr. Miller, from the committee of Claims, reported unfavorably the petition of Morgan Brown. Carried in.

Mr. Iredell presented a bill to repeal the act of 1823, concerning duty of ferrymen across the Albemarle Sound and its waters; Mr. Barnett, a bill to divide the Rockingham region; Mr. D. Underwood, a bill directing the manner in which constables shall hereafter be appointed in Sampson county; Mr. Tillet, a bill authorizing the executor of Isaac Lamb, late sheriff of Camden, to collect arrears of taxes; Apprill, a bill directing to whom bonds of certain officers therein named shall be made payable; and Mr. Hay, a bill appointing commissioners to lay off a road from John Harden's to C. C. H. Which bills were read the first time.

The bill for the better government of the town of Wadesborough and the bill to prevent free persons of colour from migrating into this State, for the good government of such persons resident in the state, and for other purposes, were read the first time.

Mr. Matthews presented the memorial of the Cape Fear Navigation Company, praying for the completion of the Board of Internal Improvement and a Civil Engineer; Mr. Batan, the petition of Ebenezer Pettigrew, praying that the works effected by him in improving the navigation between South Fork Creek and Seppurung River, be protected and secured to him by law; and Mr. Gordon, the petition of sundry citizens of Wilkes, praying that commissioners be appointed upon a direct road to Fayetteville. Which petitions were read, the former referred to the committee on Internal Improvements, and the latter to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Iredell presented a bill to amend the act relative to the manner of issuing licenses, which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Iredell presented the petition of sundry citizens of Bancombe and Burke, praying for erection of a new county; which was referred to Messrs. Swain, Iredell, A. Moors and Polk.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Claims, made a report, recommending the passage of the resolution in favor of John Whitson, of Bancombe, Carolina.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to expedite to grant the petition of Joseph Welsh, of Haywood county, concerning in.

Mr. Polk, from the Select committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the act of 1819, entitled "An act to prevent slaves from selling to any person, except their owners, or other person having the management of them."

Mr. Polk, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill, in conformity with the foregoing resolution, to amend a section of an act, entitled "An act for establishing Courts of Law, and for regulating the proceedings therein, as may relate to proceedings on attachments." Which bill was read the first time.

The bill to amend the act of 1823, incorporating the town of Trenton, was read the third time and ordered to be enrolled.

Tuesday, Dec. 20.

On motion, ordered that Thos. G. Polk, David L. Swain and Robert H. Cowan after Saturday next, James Weaver after Monday next, and Davis Durrell after to-morrow, have leave of absence until the end of the session.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to repeal the act of 1818, entitled "An act to elect a Magistrate for the town of Wilmington and for other purposes; which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. W. Underwood presented the petition of Thos. L. Scarborough, of Chatham, praying for permission to peddle goods free from tax. Referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Scott, from the select committee to whom was referred the memorial of Archibald D. Murphey, reported a bill, in pursuance to the prayer of the memorial, entitled "A bill to encourage the publication of a historical and scientific work on this state;" which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Iredell, Resolved, That the committee of Finance cause to be burnt, under their superintendance, all the Treasury Notes now in the Treasury, which are out for circulation.

On motion of Mr. Lassiter, the Treasurer was authorized and requested to sell the old Bell belonging to the State.

Mr. Underwood presented a bill for the better regulation of Pittsborough, and to incorporate the same; Mr. Foy, a bill to incorporate Lafayette Lodge, in Onslow county; Mr. Caldwell, a bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Gold Mine Comp'y. Which bills were read the first time.

The following bills from the Senate, passed their first reading: The bill to prevent the falling timber in, or obstructing the run of Brown Creek, in Anson county; the bill to amend the several acts appointing commissioners for the town of Trenton; and the bill authorizing the County Court of Bladen to appoint commissioners to lay off Turnbull Creek said county, into districts, for the purpose of being worked on and rendered navigable.

The resolution in favor of John Duckworth was read the first time.

Mr. Iredell, from the joint select committee on the Public Library, reported that in consequence of a difference of opinion existing between the Comptroller and committee, as to the construction of the resolutions relative to the Library, the committee had instructed his report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the true intent and meaning of the resolution passed by the General Assembly in the year 1821, in relation to the Public Library, the sum of \$50,000 should be therefrom annually appropriated for the increase of the library.

Which resolution was adopted.

Mr. Polk, from committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a resolution in favor of Wood Fort; which was adopted.

Mr. Polk, from same committee, reported a bill proposing David Craig, of Rowan, to erect gates on a public road. Which was read the first time.

Mr. Miller, from the committee of Claims, reported a resolution in favor of John R. Hill, which was rejected.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Sheppard in

the Chair, on the bill to amend the act of 1824, relative to the mode of conducting litigation by entering a petition of Justice of the Peace, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Mr. N. Smith, from the committee appointed to conduct the building of a Millery, reported that Jesse Smith was duly elected.

Mr. Bell presented a bill to amend part of the act of 1820, establishing the County Courts of Person, Rockingham and Rutherford; Mr. Jones, a bill to allow commissions to commissioners in Halifax county; and Mr. Underwood, a bill to alter the time of laying off County taxes of Craven, and appointing receivers of lists of taxables in said county.

The bill in addition to the several acts heretofore passed concerning the town of Trenton, was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Scott, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of altering the present laws, so as to confine the Attorney General to the Supreme Court, &c. reported a bill in pursuance to the spirit of the said resolution. Which bill was read the first time.

The resolution from the Senate, declaring that no bill of a private nature shall be presented in either House after the 24th instant, was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bain, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of so explaining and amending the act of 1799 relative to descents of real estate, given by a parent to natural children, either by deed or gift, or otherwise, so that in case such natural born child or children shall return to the real estate so given shall return to the legal heirs of such parent.

Mr. Scott, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill to amend the act of 1816, entitled an act to amend the laws in force respecting the trial of slaves in capital cases; which was read the first time.

The resolution from the Senate, instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives, in Congress, to apply to Congress for an appropriation of money to extinguish the Indian title to the lands situated in this state, was read and adopted.

Mr. Gorham, from the committee appointed to conduct the building of Colonel of Cavalry in the 2d brigade of the 8th division, reported that Stratton P. Allen was duly elected.

Mr. Andrews presented a bill supplementary to the act of last session, to extend the provisions of the act of 1824, regulating the time of appointing overseers of roads in the counties of Montgomery and Person, to the county of Rowan; which was read the first time.

Mr. Webb presented the following resolution, which was rejected:

Resolved, That the committee of Finance be instructed to inquire into the policy and expediency of providing by law for the appointment of a suitable number of assessors in each and every county in this State to assess the land and town property subject to taxation, so as to affix a more uniform and equal valuation on the same.

Mr. Edmonston presented the petition of several citizens of Haywood county, praying for the laying out of a certain road; which was rejected.

The bill to repeal the 10th section of the act of 1806, directing the manner in which Clerks of the Superior Courts shall be appointed, was read the third time and amended. Mr. Miller moved for its indefinite postponement, which was negatived—76 to 42. The bill was then passed, by a vote of 60 to 56, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Love in the Chair, on the bill to repeal the act of 1819, creating a fund for internal improvement, and establishing a Board for the management thereof; and, after considerable debate, the committee rose and reported that it is inexpedient to pass the said bill, and recommended its rejection. Which report was concurred in—73 to 51. On motion of Mr. Donoho, the further consideration of the bill was postponed indefinitely—Yeas 71, nays 51.

RALEIGH.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC'R 23, 1825.

Bell & Lawrence, apprehending that the cause of their laying before the Legislature but a part of the Report relative to Internal Improvement, may not be understood by many, consider it their duty to state, that the first 16 pages of the Work were sent to the House, at the request of the Board of Internal Improvement, for the purpose of affording the Members the earliest opportunity of perusing the Report contained in them.

They further state, that the remainder of the pamphlet will be printed in a day or two, when all those who shall request the 16 pages already received, will be furnished with complete copies.