HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, Dec. 29.

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Very respectfully, yours, Ser.

I. C. CALHOUN.

To the Honorable the Members of the House of

Very respectfully, yours, Sr.

J. C. CALLOUN.

To the Henorobic the Members of the House of Representations.

An imperious sense of duty, and a sacred regard to the honor of the station which I occupy, compel me to approach your body in its high character of grand inquest of the maton.

Charges have been made scanat me of the most serious nature, and which, if true, ought to degrade me from the high station in which I have been placed by the choice of my fellow chizens, and to zontign my name to perpetual infamy.

In elasming the investigation of the House, I am sensible, that, under oug free and happy is attutions, the conduct of public servants is a fair subject of the closest scrutiny and the freent remarks, and that a firm and faithfulfischarge of duty affords, ordinarily, sample protection against political attacks; but when such attacks assume the character of impeachable offences, and become, in some degree, official, by being placed among the public receeds, an officer, in a scaling, however base the instrument used, if conscious of innocease, can look for retuge only to the Hall of the immediate Representatives of the People. It is thus I find myself most unexpectedly placed.

On Wednesday morning last, it was for the first time intimated to me, that charges of a very serrous nature against me, were longed in one of the Executive Departments: during the day, rumors from several quarters to the same effect reached me; but the first cestain information of their character, was received year-day morning, through one of the newspapers of the District. It appears, from as statement, that I am accused of the sordinard information are continued with the Government, throthe Department of War, while I was entrusted with the discharge of its duties, and that the accumution has been officially presented as the basis of an official of the local and that I have cover been facially to repail the premium of the placed among its records, as a leasing stigms on my character.

Conscience of my entire lunceenes in this an

The letter having been read—Mr. Floyd rose and said, that such was the rapid succession of members in this House, that there were but few now present who were members of it when the contract, referred to in the Vec President's letter, had been a subject of examination on this floor. He was then and would say, that he had paid particular attention to this contract, and, in some points of view, it had met his disapprobation and censure. He could say, farther, and the old members could him out in the assertion, that he was seen in sistion to many of the measures of the War artment, during the time the present Vice Pepartment, during the time the present Vice President presided over it, and frequently thought them too bold, and not sufficiently economical, but he had never seen any thing to impeach the integrity of that gentleman, nor did he now acc asy thing to impair the opinion which he had always entertained of his character. But a charge is now made against him, and I approve (said Mr. P.) the manner in which he has met it, by a prompt demand for an investigation upon this floor, I believe it to be a calumny—I regret, exceedingly regret, that a charge of such a usure, upon such formulation, should be brought against in officer, so high in public office, and, I may said, so high in public layer, and I will lend my efforts to an examination of the charge, and the suppression of the estumny.

cramination of the charge, and the suppression of the estumny.

I rejoice that the Vice President has met the estumny as he has done. He demands an investigation on this floor. Let it be granted to him, and let justice be done. Mr. Floyd concluded, by maving that the communication of the Vice President be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Cocke said, it would be reconflected by a number of the members of the House, present, that the contract out of which the present application grew, was brought to the notice of the House on his call. When this Hip Rap contract, as it is called, was laid before the House, I examined it (said Mr. C.) with the greatest sentiny, and with the closus application; and I take this occasion to declare, that I did not discover the most trivial circumstance going to show that the tien Secretary of War was in the remotest degree improperly causerned in it. This contract was examined by me, not once only, but four different times, and it is just that I should make the early disclosure, that I entertain not the remotest suspicion of impropristy against that officer, in the transaction. I shall most readily vote for the investigation, said Mr. C. but not will the view of satisfying say rulas on the subject.

question then being put on Mr. Floyd's , it was agreed to, with searcely a directi-ce. A committee of seven Members was d; and

notion of Mr. Campbell, the sommitted apowered to send for persons and papers

The proposition from the other House, appoint a joint committee to wait on the Governor elect, inform him of his lection, and ascertain when he would be prepared to take the oaths of office, was agreed to by the Schale, & Messrs. Wilson of Edgecombe and Forney were appointed the committee on the part of

as relates to the judiciary, penal code and the compensation of prosecuting officers; as much as relates to the milital laws; so much as relates to the migration of free persons of color into this state, so much as relates to the proposition of Jonathan Elliott, of Washing-ton City, for publishing the debates of the different states on the adoption of the fede-ral constitution, be referred to select commit-

Mr. Sanders presented a bill to repeal the act of last session, altering states, on the subject of the emancipation of the time of the annual meeting of the slaves, and the several resolutions therein allayer, and the several resolutions therein allayer, and the several resolutions therein allayer. General Assembly; which was reject- hided to, be referred to a select joint comed-28 to 25.

Printer, evidence in Courts.

The bill for the better regulation of the county courts of Nash, was read the second time, and amended, on motion of Mr. Holliman, by extending its provisions to the county of Northampton: and thus amended, passed its 21 and Sd readings, and was ordered to be en-

On motion of Mr. Love, the vote on the rejection of the bill to alter the time of the annual meeting of the General Assembly, was reconsidered. The bill then passed its first reading, and, on motion of Mr. Speight, of Greene, was committed to a committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Sharp presented a bill to incor-porate Springhill Academy, in the county of Hertford; which was read 3 times, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, from the committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that he would attend and qualify to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Alexander presented a bill to a mend the act of 1819, concerning the town of Concord, in Cabarrus county; which was read three times and ordered to be engrussed.

Friday, Dec. 29. A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to appoint the following committees, viz:

1. A select joint committee, to consist of five members, to be called the Judiciary Committee, to whom shall be referred that part of the Governor's message which relates to this subject:

2 A select joint committee, to consist of 5 members from the 1st, 5 members from the 21.5 members from the 30, and 5 members from the 5th Judicial Circuit, for the purpose of enquiring into the expediency of altering the time of holding the Fall Terms of the Superior Courts:

3. A select joint committee on Cherokee Lands, to whom shall be referred that part of ject; and,

4. A select joint committee on the Public Buildings.

The 2d and 4th propositions were concurred in, and the 1st and 3d reject-

The following committees were ap pointed in pursuance to the resolution flered yesterday by Mr. Pickett:

On Education .- Messrs, M'Kay, Sneed, Hill of Franklin, Leak and Joiner.
On Internal Improvements .- Messrs, Forney, Stokes, King, Wilson, of Edgecombe, and Wil-

one, of Martin.
On Lands acquired from the Cherokee In-

dious.-Messrs. Croom, Alexander, Love, Baird, of Burke, and Boddie. On the Judiciary, &c.,-Messrs. Pickett, Miller, Gilchrist, Beard of Rowan and Hill of

On the Militia Laws - Messrs. Speight of Greene, Gray, Sellers, Williams of Heaufort and Ward.

On the emigration of Free Persons of Culor into this State. Mesors. Scawell, Speight, of Greene, Stokes, Spaight of Craven and Gil.

On the Patrol Lows, -- Messts. Spaight of Craven, Blackwell, Tyson, M'Leary, and Rid-

On the Proposal of Jonathan Elliot. Messrs. Hill of Franklin, Davis, Smith, Hunter and

A message from the House of Com annual Report, with a proposition to print it, one copy for each Member; which was agreed to.

Mr. Pickett introduced the follow ing resolution, which was read and re-

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SENATE.

Thursday, Dec. 28.

Mr. Boildie, from the Committee appointed to conduct the bullotting for two Engrossing Clerks, reported that no person in nomination had received a majority of the votes.

The proposition from the other House, to appoint a joint committee to wait on the Governor elect, inform him of his election, and accertain when he would

on money, on all entries made since the first day of January, 1824.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Franklin, the bill to make Proate Acts printed by the Printer ce, of the State, evidence in Courts of this State was slightly shered in the phraseology and that the second time. On motion of Mr. M's Kay, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, for the purpose of affording time to prepare an additional section to it.

The following resolution was offered by

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ed. That the Con

Mr. Montgomery, from the balleting com-mittee for two Engessing Elerks, reported that Thos. G. Stone and Wm. J. Cowan were

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of Mil. dred M'Milly, praying to be divorced from her husband; and Mr. Gray, a petition on the abject of a divorce; which were referred to committee of Divorce and Alimony.

Saturday, Dec. 30. Mesers. Sneed and King were appointed the committee, on the part of the Senate, on Public Buildings.

Mr. Speight of Greene, introduced the fol wing resolution:
Resolved, That so much of the message of

Mr. M'Kay presented a bill, to make Mr. King moved to lay the resolution on the the private Acts, printed by the State table; which was not agreed to. The reso-Gilchrist, by substituting the words "abolition of slavery," for those of "emancipation of slaver," and adapted.

In motion of Mr. Beard, of Rowan, it was Resolved. That the Committee on the Ju-

dicisry be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what amendment is necessary to the law respecting Administrators of the estales of deceased persons, the more effectual y to prevent loss to such estates by the mis lanagement or failure of administrators, and likewise to protect the securities of adm'rs, and that they have leave to port by bill or otherwise.

A message from the other House, static ; hat they have passed a bill to incorporate Mocksville Academy, in Rowan county. The bill was read three times and ordered to be enrofled.

Mr. Wasden presented a bill to establish a corrhouse in the county of Wayne; which vas read twice, when, on motion of Mr. Joiner, it was laid on the table.

Mr. Montgomery presented a bill to vest the right of electing Sheriffs in the free peo-ple of this State, which passed its first readng, was ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for Monday.

Mr. Croom presented a bill to amend the

net of 1819, to prevent the fraudulant trading with slaves, which passed its first reading. Monday, Jan. 1.

Mr. Boddie presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Indiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to prevent slaves from selling cotton to any person, except their owners, or other persons having charge of the same; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Croom, the resolution was amended by adding after the word " cotton," the following: " and other articles of produce mentioned in he act of the Legislature of 1819,"

On motion of Mr. M'Kay, it was

Resolved, That a select committee he ap pointed, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of designating such acts and parts of acts of the British Parliament as

Miller and Spaight of Craven were appointed the committee, in pursuance to he foregoing resolution.

Mr. Leak presented a bill authorising the trustees of the Richmond Academy to raise the sum of 10,000 dollars by to be engrossed. lottery; and Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe a bill in relation to lotteries; which bills were read the first time and passed, and the last mentioned was referred to a select com nittee, consisting of Messrs. Hill of Frankbn, Wilson of Edgecombe,

M'Kay, Sneed, and Spaight of Craven. Mr. M'Kay presented the following preamble and resolution, which were

Whereas, by the laws now in force, a pre-sumption of payment on judgments of Courts of Record bonds, and other scaled instrunents, does not arise under twenty years; and whereas, also, redemptions of mortgages may be made within the same period, which rule

is often productive of mischief. Therefore, Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary he instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting the time within which suits on judgments of Courts of Record bonds, and other sealed instruments, may be brought, and redemptions of mortgages

Mr. Smith presented a bill respecting the allowance of claims, and the appropriation of the public money in Davidson county; Mr. Davenport, a bill to establish a poor house in Washington county; and Mr. Burney, a bill regulating the duty of Grand Jurors in regard to presentments for affrays, and for assault and battery; which were read the first time and passed, and the last nentioned was, on motion of Mr. M'-Cay, referred to the Judiciary commit-

The bill to amend the act of 1819, to prevent the fraudulent trading with daves, was, on motion of Mr. Boddie, referred to the Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Pickett, the bill to make private Acts, printed by the State Printer, evidence to the Courts of this State, was referred to the Judiciary

committee.
On motion of Mr. Sanders, the bill to alter the time of the annual meeting of the Legislature, was made the order of the day for the 11th instant.

The resolution relative to gold and silver ore, offered by Mr. M'Kay on

On motion of Mr. Matthews, it was Readed. That the emanities on the any, and if any, what alteration relative to the recording and givi ity to decide of trust and bills of tie, and that they report by pill acother-

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from Cornelius Dowd, stating that Josiah Tyson, the Senator from Moore, is not legally entitled to a seat; which, on motion of Mr. Speight, of Greene, was, with the accompanying of Greene, was, with the accompanying the County Courts, precious to their documents, referred to the committee having attained the age of 21 years of Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Cross sabmitted the follow. ing resolution, which, on motion of Mr. M'Kay, was land on the table, and, at a subsequent hour, takes up and adopted:

Reselved, That the committee of Indiciary be instructed to inquire into the counties, excepting those enimities in which oor and work houses are already established by law; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Pickett, it was Resolved, That the committee on the ludiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the emancipation aws, that the owner of any slave shall, upon obtaining license for manunisation, enter into bond and security that the seid slave shall, within a convenient time, remove him or herself without the fanits of the State, and

Mr. Beard, of Rowan, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Rowan county, on the subject of the election of Constables. Referred to the committee Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Gray presented the petition of Robert Murdoch, of Randolph, praying that a law be passed to confirm the duch, son of the said Robert, accompanied with a bill to carry the prayer of the petitioner into effect; which bill was read the first time.

Mr. M'Dowell presented the petition of Samuel I. Edney, of Buncombe, praying to be divocced from his wife Oliva. Referred to the committee of Divorce and Alimony.

The bill respecting the allowance of claims and the appropriation of the public money in Davidson county, was read the 2d and 5d times, and ordered

to be engrossed. Mr. Love presented a bill to change the time and regulate the manner of holding the County Courts of Haywood; and Mr. Speight, of Greene, a bill to prevent free persons of color from migrating into this State, for the good government of such persons, and for other purposes. Which bills were read the first time.

Mr. Sheppard presented the memority were read the first time, and the last mental of Joseph Cowles, of Surry, on the tioned was referred to the committepointed on that part of the Governor's

sage which relates to free persons of co. The bill authorising the trustees of Richmond Academy to raise 10,000 dolls lottery, was read the second time and p
---yeas 37, nays 22. Mr. Hill of France and the said that he worth table; t was not agreed to. It was then reathird time and ordered to be engrossed.

Received from the House of Commons certificates of allowance made by the Couny ourt of Cumberland in favor of Isabella Campbell, widow of James Campbell, and shall hereafter be considered in force in this in favor of Anne Morrison, widow of Alex-

> and to legitimate Alexander Murdoch, were read the second and third times, and ordered

A message from the other House, stating that they do not concar in the proposition to ballot to-morrow for a Judge of the Superior Courts.

Also, another message, stating that Messrs Webb and Rand form the joint ammittee, on their part, on Public Buiklings; and that the joint committee, on their part, to inquire into the expediency of altering the sittings of the fall terms of the Superior Courts in the 1st, 2d, 3d and 5th Judizial Circuits, consists of Mestrs, Fredell, Martin, Bozman, Mhoon, Stedman, Burns, Ferrand, Blount, Edwards, Cox of Lenoir, R. H. Jones, Spring Michigan, Whitehead ill, Gary, Dickinson, Whitaker, A. Moore Strange, J. A. Hill, Marshall and M'Nair. The engrassed bill from the other House oncerning certain officers of Davidson coun-

ty, was read the first time. Wednesday, January 3. Mr. Davis presented a bill prescribing the nanner in which Clerks of the Superior Courts hall hereafter be appointed; which passed its

first reading.

Mr. Croom, from the committee of Privilees and Elections, to whom was referred the ommunication from Cornelius Dowd, stating that Josiah Tyson, the Senator from Moore county, is not legally entitled to a seat in the Senate, reported in favor of the sitting mem-

On motion of Mr. Davis, the subject was referred to a committee of the whole House.
The Senate, then, on motion of Mr. Speight of Greene, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Stokes in the Chain and, after some time spent in the consideration of the Report, the committee rose, reported pro-gress, and obtained leave to sit again to-mor-

> HOUSE OF COMMONS. Thursday, Dec. 28.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the resolu ion, yesterday submitted by Mr. Greene, proposing to refer so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of Slavery and the communication from Vermont to a select joint comunittee, was reconsidered and then laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sheppard.

Resolved. That the committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the establishment of a main state stead from the town of Fayetteville to Wilkesborough, in The following resolution was offered by Friday last, was taken up and adopted. conformity to the fouts heretofore surveyed

Mr. Bam offered the following n, which was rejecte

sion, probably to the excusion and a deliberation of subjects of a public natu more general interest, for remedy wh Reserved, That after the ry enturing, no bill of a profite nature abali

Mr. Slieppord presented a bitt grant licenses to persons to practice in which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, was resolved, that all resignations presented to and read in this House shall be considered as accepted without a question from the Chair, unless it bo called for.

The Speaker laid before the House expediency of empurering the Justices of The Speaker half before the House the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the Annual Report of the Public Treathe several counties in this State to establish surer, which was read, and, on moting poor and work houses in their respective of Mr. Swain, ordered, with the attendant documents, to be referred to the foint committee of Finance, and to be sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print one copy for each member. Friday, Dec. 29.

Mr. Wyche submitted the following esolution, which was laid on the tables Herefuel, By the Legislature of North-Carolina, that the Congress of the United States do not possess the power of laying and collecting a revenue for the purpose of cutting Hoads our Senators be instructed and our Represen-tatives requested to use all juvin exertions in their power to prevent it. And that his Excellency the Governor cause a copy of the above resolution to be forwarded to the individuals composing the d elegation of this State in Congress A message was rec'd from the Senate.

stating that in pursuance to the joint rules of the two lfouses, they had raised a committee of Finance to join the committee on the part of the Hunse, consists ing of Messrs. M'Kay, Pickett, King, Hill, of Franklin, Seawell, Williams, of Beaufort, Stokes and Sharpe. Mes-srs. Carson, Allison, Scott, Robert H. Jones, Martin, Blount, A. Moore and Strange were appointed on the part of this House.

Mr. Clement introduced a bill to establish Mocksville Academy in Rowan, and to incorporate the trustees thereof; which was read the first, second and third times, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wycke presented a bill to alter the time of holding the General Assembly to the 2d Monday in November; and Mr. Hampton, a bill concerning certain

dered to lie on the table

Mr. Settle presented a bill to authorize the County Courts to permit gates to be erected across the public roads, and Messrs. M'Kay, Seawell, Pickett, er of that House. They were read and countersigned by the Speaker of the Senate. The bill to change the time and regulate the committee, in pursuance to be foregoing resolution.

The bill to change the time and regulate the manner of holding the County Courts of Haywood, and the bill to confirm the name of, ty, and for other purposes; and Mr. Mr. Leak presented a bill authorising Spruill, a bill to incorporate Roanoko Chapter, No. 4; which were read the first time.

The following bills from the Senat were read the first time: A bill to i corporate Pomona Academy, in Wake concerning the town of Concord; and bill to incorporate Springfield Academy in Hertford, county.

Mr. Fisher proposed two addition rules for the government of the House. One was, that every resolution of a pub-lic nature should be read and lie upage the table one day for consideration, re-less otherwise ordered, before a question is taken on its adoption. The of er was, that every resolution which pro-poses to draw any money from the Trea-sury, shall be read three times on three separate days, unless otherwise ordered.

The motion to reconsider the rules was negatived. Mr. Jones then moved that a select committee be appointed by this House, to be denominated the Judiciary Committee; which was agreed to.

Mr. Jones also moved, that so much

of the Message of the Governor as relation to the Judiciary, be refer to that committee; which was carrie

to that committee; which was carried.

Mr. Swain moved, that so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Cherokee Lands, be referred to a select committee; which was agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Greene moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the resolution offered by him the day be fore yesterday, proposing to refer to select joint committee, so much of the Governor's Message as related to the communication from Vermont, on its subject of Slavery.

subject of Slavery. The question being put, the House refused to take up the resolution.
On motion of Mr. Bain, a commi

tee on Divorce and Alimany was appointed, which consists of Messes. Bain J. A. Hill, Pisher and Whiteharst.

Mr. Swain presented the Petrian of Polly Buckner, praying to be divorce from her husband Edward Buckner, which was referred to the foregoing. which was referred to the forego