

CONGRESS

SENATE

Friday, Dec. 29.

The following letter from the Vice President was read by the Secretary...

J. C. CALHOUN.

Washington, 29th Dec. 1836. Mr. Benton made a motion...

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from J. C. Calhoun...

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An imperative sense of duty, and a sacred regard to the honor of the station which I occupy...

Charges have been made against me of the most serious nature, and which, if true, ought to degrade me from the high station in which I have been placed...

On Wednesday morning last, it was for the first time intimated to me, that charges of a very serious nature against me, were lodged in one of the Executive Departments...

Conscience of my entire innocence, in this and every other public act, and that I have ever been incapable, in the performance of duty...

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Washington, 29th Dec. 1836. 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 Vice President's letter, had been a subject of examination on this floor...

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

On the Migration of Free Persons of Color into this State.—Messrs. Seawell, Speight, of Greene, Stokes, Speight of Craven and Gilchrist.

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Mr. Hill of Franklin, moved that the Resolution yesterday submitted by Mr. Pickett...

Mr. Pickett then withdrew the said resolution, and submitted the following, which was adopted...

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Public Education...

Mr. Sanders presented a bill to repeal the act of last session, altering the time of the annual meeting of the General Assembly...

Mr. M'Kay presented a bill, to make the private Acts, printed by the State 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...

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.

Mr. Sharp presented a bill to incorporate Springhill Academy, in the county of Hertford...

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 amend the act of 1819, concerning the town of Concord, in Cabarrus county...

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A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to appoint the following committees, viz: 1. A select joint committee...

2. A select joint committee, to consist of 2 members from the 1st, 5 members from the 2d, 5 members from the 3d, and 5 members from the 5th Judicial Circuit...

3. A select joint committee on Cherokee Lands, to whom shall be referred that part of the Governor's message relating to this subject...

4. A select joint committee on the Public Buildings.

The 2d and 4th propositions were concurred in, and the 1st and 3d rejected.

The following committees were appointed in pursuance to the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Pickett:

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A message from the House of Commons, accompanied by the Treasurer's annual Report, with a proposition to print it, one copy for each Member...

Mr. Pickett introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred:

Whereas, many of the citizens of this State have heretofore availed themselves of the attendance of Members of the General Assembly, to pay into the Treasury...

Resolved, Therefore, that the committee of Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for giving further time for the payment of the purchase money, on all entries made since the first day of January, 1836.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Franklin, the bill to make private Acts printed by the Printer of the State, evidence in Courts of this State was slightly altered in the phraseology and read the second time.

On motion of Mr. M'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

Mr. M'Kay, and referred to the table until Monday next.

Whereas, in the grants of land that issued during the Provisional Government, there are certain reservations of part of the Gold or Silver Ore, that may happen from time to time to be found...

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be, and they are hereby instructed, to inquire into the expediency of securing to the State the benefit of said reservations...

Mr. Montgomery, from the balloting committee for two Engraving Clerks, reported that Thos. G. Stone and Wm. J. Cowan were selected.

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

Saturday, Dec. 30.

Messrs. Sneed and King were appointed the committee, on the part of the Senate, on Public Buildings.

Mr. Speight of Greene, introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor...

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the emancipation laws, that the owner of any slave shall, upon obtaining license for manumission...

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 of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Gray presented the petition of Robert Murdoch, of Randolph, praying that a law be passed to confirm the name and to legitimate Alexander Murdoch, son of the said Robert...

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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...

Mr. Croon submitted the following resolution, which, on motion of Mr. M'Kay, was laid on the table...

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By the Civil Engineer, and that they leave to be reported by him to-morrow.

Mr. Bain offered the following resolution, which was rejected:

Whereas subjects of a private nature are frequently introduced for the consideration of the Legislature, at a late period of the Session, probably to the exclusion and without deliberation of subjects of a public nature...

Resolved, That after the 20th day of January ensuing, no bill of a private nature shall be introduced into this House.

Mr. Sheppard presented a bill to grant licenses to persons to practice in the County Courts, previous to their having attained the age of 21 years, which was read the first time.

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

The Speaker laid before the House the Annual Report of the Public Treasurer, which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Swain, ordered, with the attendant documents, to be referred to the joint committee of Finance...

Friday, Dec. 29. Mr. Wyche submitted the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, 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 Roads and Canals in the respective States...

A message was rec'd from the Senate, stating that in pursuance to the joint rules of the two Houses, they had raised a committee of Finance to join the committee on the part of the 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. Wyche 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 officers in Davidson county...

Mr. Sheppard presented the memorial of Joseph Cowles, of Surry, on the

dedered to lie on the table.

Saturday, Dec. 30.

Mr. Settle presented a bill to authorize the County Courts to permit gates to be erected across the public roads, and to impose a tax thereon...

The following bills from the Senate were read the first time: A bill to incorporate Pomona Academy, in Wab county; a bill to amend the act of 1815, concerning the town of Concord; and a bill to incorporate Springhill Academy, in Hertford county.

Mr. Fisher proposed two additional rules for the government of the House. One was, that every resolution of a public nature should be read and lie upon the table one day for consideration, unless otherwise ordered, before a question is taken on its adoption.

The other was, that every resolution which proposes to draw any money from the Treasury, 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 had relation to the Judiciary, be referred 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 before yesterday, proposing to refer to a select joint committee, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of Slavery.

The question being put, the House refused to take up the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Bain, a committee on Divorce and Alimony was appointed, which consists of Messrs. Bain, J. A. Hill, Fisher and Whitehurst.

Mr. Swain presented the Petition of Polly Buckner, praying to be divorced from her husband Edward Buckner, which was referred to the foregoing committee.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, Dec. 28.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the resolution, 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 committee, 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 road from the town of Fayetteville to Wilkesborough, in conformity to the route heretofore surveyed