Mr. Sherrill presented the petition of James Hood, of Wayne, praying compensation for Revolutionary services, which was referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

It was [illegible] in part the act of 1805, prohibiting the justices of the County Courts of Brunswick, Currituck and Moore from allowing extra service money to the County officers; was indefinitely postponed on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wellborn,

Resolved, That a joint select committee be appointed, to take into consideration the expediency of directing the State Engineer to examine and lay off a road, the nearest and best way, from Fayetteville to Wilkesborough, so as to a point on the Yadkin river, in a direction between the said towns.

Mr. Hardin presented a resolution in favor of John Gambell, sheriff of Ashe; which was read the first time, passed, and referred to the committee on Claims.

Received from the other House a communication from the Governor, enclosing the official returns of the election for Electors of President and Vice President; which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was laid on the table.

Monday, Dec. 1.

Mr. Ramsay presented a bill to legitimate Polly Matilda Stinson, of Chatham county; and Mr. Crouse, a bill to establish a separate election in Lenoir county; also a bill to authorise the wardens of the poor for said county to purchase a tract of land, and to erect thereon a house for the poor. Which bills were read the first time and passed.

The following engrossed bills passed their first reading:

The bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Hertford; the bill to restore Nathaniel Meecham, of Lincoln, to credit; the bill amendatory of the law respecting dower; and the bill prescribing the manner in which field officers shall be recommended to the Legislature.

The last mentioned bill was referred to the committee on the Militia and Public Arms; and that amendatory of the law respecting dower, to the Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Wellborn,

Resolved, That a joint select committee be appointed, to take into consideration the expediency of creating some tribunal for the trial of all minor offences against the State.

On motion of Mr. Reinhardt, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering and amending the law compensating jurors, so far as regards Lincoln county.

Mr. Boddie presented the petition of sundry persons residing in the extreme corners of the counties of Wayne, Edgecomb, Nash and Johnston, praying for the formation of a new county out of the extreme corners of the said counties which was referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, Mr Wilson in the Chair, on the bill to erect that section of country, commonly called the Cherokee Purchase, into a separate county; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendment. Mr. Miller moved that it be laid on the table; which was not agreed to. The question on its passage the second time was decided in the affirmative—33 to 26.

Yeas—Messrs. Alexander, Brodnax, Burgin, Burney, Burns, Brown, Davidson, Davis, Deberry, Franklin of Iredell, Franklin of Surry, Hardin, Joiner, Love, M'Dearmid, M'Dowell, M'Eachin, M'Farland, M'Innis, M'Neill, Marshall, Meares, Mebane, Parker, Pugh, Ramsay, Reinhardt, Scott, Smith of Davidson, Smith of Person, Shuber, Shuford and Wellborn.

Nays—Messrs. Askew of Bertie, Askew of Hertford, Bailey, Beasley, Bell, Boddie, Croom, Davenport, Harrell, Hinton, Leonard, M'Daniel, Mathews, Miller, Patterson, Riddick, Royal, Rollin, Salyear, Sherrard, Speight, Walton, Ward, Williams of Beaufort, Williams of Martin, and Wilson.

The said bill was then read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Miller, from the committee to conduct the balloting for a Senator in Congress, reported that James Iredell is duly elected.

Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Mr. Davis moved to reconsider the motion taken yesterday on the bill to erect the Cherokee Purchase into a separate county; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Marshall presented a bill to alter the name of, and to legitimate George P. Coppidge, of Anson; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Love presented the following petitions, which were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary:—The petition of Isaac A. Miller, of Sevier county, Tennessee, praying the privilege of practising as an attorney in the different Courts of Buncombe and Haywood; and the petition of William H. Steelman, of Habersham county, Georgia, praying to be admitted to the privileges of a counsellor and attorney in this State.

The bill to legitimate Polly Matilda Stinson, of Chatham, was read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill to restore Nathaniel Meecham, of Lincoln, to credit, was amended on motion of Mr. Mebane, read the second and third times, passed, and sent to the other House for concurrence.

Mr. Boddie presented a counter petition of sundry citizens of Edgecombe, Wayne and Johnston, in relation to the establishment of a new county; which was referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The following bills passed their second and third readings, but were ordered to be engrossed: The bill to authorise the wardens of the poor of Lenoir county to purchase a tract of land, and to erect thereon a house for the poor; the bill to alter the name of Gen. L. Coppidge, and to legitimate him; the bill to establish a separate election in Lenoir county; and the bill to amend the laws regulating the sale of lands and slaves under execution, as respects the county of Montgomery.

Mr. M'Eachin presented a bill for the better regulation of retailing spirituous liquors; which was read the first time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The engrossed bill to amend the act of 1777, to encourage the building of public mills, and directing the duty of millers, was read the first time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bell, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the inspection laws of this State, so as to create a penalty on those who sell fish without the proper dimensions of barrels, as is now prescribed by law.

The engrossed bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Hertford, was read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Meares, the bill to provide for the draining of Mattamuskeet Lake, was committed to a committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The following resolution, presented by Mr. Davidson, was adopted:

Whereas it appears from the books of the Comptroller's office, that there is a large balance due from the United States to this State: Therefore

Resolved, That the claims of this State against the United States be referred to a joint select committee, of three members from each House, to inquire into the demand, and report such measures as ought to be taken to obtain payment.

Mr. Boddie submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Whereas there are various opinions among the people of this State, and many doubts exist, whether the commission of a justice of the peace, while acting as Sheriff, is suspended, or entirely vacated or annulled thereby: Be it therefore

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law explaining the same.

The House of Commons having agreed to the resolution proposing to raise a select joint committee to consider the expediency of creating some tribunal for the trial of all minor offences against the State, Messrs. Wellborn, Meares, Alexander, Marshall and Bailey were appointed the said committee on the part of the Senate.

The engrossed bill concerning certain lands purchased at the sales of the commissioners in Haywood county, passed its second and third readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Mr. Meares presented a bill to appropriate —— thousand —— hundred dollars for improving the navigation of Cape Fear River below Wilmington; which was read the first time and ordered to be referred to a select committee of four members of each House. Messrs. Meares, Brodnax, Mebane and Burney were named the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Deberry presented a bill to provide for the final settlement of executors & administrators; which was read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The following engrossed bills passed their first reading: The bill to repeal the act of last session, for the better regulation of the County Courts of Robeson, and the bill to restore to credit John A. Nuffer, of Anson county.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Resolved, That the Senate do adjourn at 12 o'clock; and that the use of their Chamber be tendered to the Electors of President and Vice President after that hour.

The bill to restore to credit William Ferril, of Montgomery, was read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill to repeal the act of last session, for the better regulation of the County Courts of Robeson, was amended on motion of Mr. M'Eachin, read the second and third times, and passed.

Mr. Smith, of Person, presented a bill to secure to Rachel Blackwell, of Person county, such property as she may acquire; which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Wellborn presented the petition of sundry citizens of Wilkes, praying that Joshua Pinson be restored to credit; which was referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The engrossed bill to restore to credit John A. Nuffer, of Anson, passed its two last readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Hinton presented the petition of Stephen Pearson; which was referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hinton also presented a resolution in favor of Benj. S. King; which was read and adopted.

Mr. Speight presented certificates of allowance, by the County Court of Craven, in favor of Thomas Ewell, Christopher Bexley and Capt. John Rhem; which were ordered to be countersigned by the Speaker.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Nov. 27.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that the lands or a portion of the lands of debtors shall be exempt from execution for debts contracted after the 4th day of July next.

Messrs. Sanderson, Vail, Fisher, Clement and Blackledge form said committee.

James Rainey, the member elected by the county of Caswell to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Charles D Donoho, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Foy presented a bill to amend the act of 1777, to encourage the building of public mills, and directing the duty of millers; which was read the first time, passed, and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Foy, Latham of Martin, Cox, Montgomery, Cooper and Gregory.

Mr. Graham presented a bill to prevent the emancipation of slaves, which was read the first time, passed, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Gary, from the committee appointed to superintend the balloting for a Senator, reported that neither of the candidates had a majority of the votes.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill amendatory of the act respecting dower, which was read the first time and passed.

The engrossed bill to restore to credit George Jernigan, of Wayne, passed its first reading.

Mr. Blackwell presented a bill to exempt Hugh M'Cain, deputy clerk of Rockingham Co. to Court three months, so long as he shall act as deputy clerk, which was read and ordered to pass.

The bill to limit a new county out of part of the counties of Burke and Buncombe, passed its first reading.

The engrossed bill to amend the act of 1815, providing for the removal of the public buildings in Montgomery county, passed its second and third readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to amend the act 1800, concerning wrecks; and the bill concerning certain lands purchased at the sales of the commissioners in Haywood county, were read the third time, passed, & ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Byrne, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing that the select committees of both Houses on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Tariff, be considered as a joint select committee.

Friday, Nov. 28.

Mr. Boykin, from the Military committee, to whom was referred the bill prescribing the manner in which field officers shall be recommended to the Legislature, made a report recommending its passage.

The said bill was then read the first time and passed.

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Mr Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, made a report recommending the passage of the bill to secure to Nancy Sorels, of Burke, such property as she may acquire. The report was concurred in, and the bill passed its first reading.

Mr. Boykin, from the Military committee, made a report recommending the rejection of the bill to explain the act of last session, reducing the number of petty masters to two in a year, which report was concurred in.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Attorney General, reported that Romulus M. Saunders is duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Resolved, That the printers for the State be required forthwith to inform this House why the exposes or statements of the several Banks of this State, transmitted by the Treasurer to the present Legislature, as part of his annual report, have not been printed with that report as heretofore.

On motion of Mr. Edmonston, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act of last session on the subject of divorce, as to give to the Superior Courts jurisdiction of applications for alimony.

On motion of Mr. Eccles, the committee on Internal Improvements were instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing a rail road from Fayetteville to the Cambleton landing on Cape Fear river.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, the Military committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the volunteer company of light infantry of the town of Halifax 75 stand of arms, or more, upon the Captain giving a receipt for the same, to be returned when called for.

The engrossed bill to restore to credit George Jernigan, of Wayne, passed its third reading, and was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Kendall, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the relief of the securities of administrators after the lapse of a certain time after the heirs at law become of lawful age, in the same manner as is now provided by law for the securities of guardians.

Mr Wheeler submitted the following resolution, which was rejected:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be, and are hereby instructed to inquire into the propriety of abolishing from our criminal code the punishment of cropping the ears, which the law inflicts on persons convicted of perjury.

Mr. Kendall presented a bill more effectually to enforce the payment of taxes on stud horses and jack asses; which passed its first reading.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the returns of the election for Electors of President and Vice President, which was ordered to be sent to the Senate

Saturday, Nov. 29

Mr. Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to secure to Celia Garland, of Greene county, such property as she may acquire; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Nash presented a bill for the better organization of the Supreme Court; which was read the first time, passed, and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Montgomery presented a bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Hertford; which passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Gregory, the Military committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the company of light infantry volunteers of Elizabeth City 70 stand of arms, or more, upon the Captain giving a receipt for them, to be returned when called for.

Mr. Foy, from the committee on the subject, reported the bill to amend the act of 1777, to encourage the building of public mills and directing the duty of millers without amendment. The said bill was then amended, on motion of Mr. Hellen, by excepting from its operation the county of Carteret, and, on motion of Mr. Montgomery, the district of Edenton, read the second time, passed, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Eccles presented a bill to incorporate the Fayetteville Manufacturing Company, which was read the first time, passed, and made the order of the day for Monday.

Mr Alexander presented a bill to provide for obtaining statistical information as to the resources of the State; which was read the first time, passed, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Stockard presented a bill making it the duty of the Major General of the 3d division, to which the county of Orange is attached, to review the militia at their usual regimental muster grounds; which was read the first time and referred to the Military committee.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, the Judiciary committee were directed to inquire whether, by the laws now in existence, the guns of free negroes and mulattoes are exempt from execution.

The bill amendatory of the law respecting dower was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to lay before this House a statement of the condition of the several Banks of this State up to the latest period at which he was authorized to require such statements; and to inform this House why such statement has not been heretofore transmitted to the Legislature.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill to amend the act of 1826, to prohibit the trading with slaves, except in the manner therein prescribed; which passed its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Edmonston, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so providing by law as to give to the several Superior Courts the power of restoring to credit such persons as may be convicted of petit larceny.

Mr. Gary offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas numerous applications are annually made to the General Assembly for restoring to credit individuals deprived of a portion of their liberty by conviction of certain crimes and offences; and whereas the evidence usually accompanying such petitions, is difficult for this Legislature to judge whether such cases are of such a peculiar character as to deserve its interference:

Resolved, therefore, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to frame into the expediency of so altering or amending the existing laws, as to prevent that portion of the punishment now done to such convicts.

Mr. Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill for the relief of Nathaniel Merchant of Lincoln; which passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill prescribing the manner in which field officers shall be recommended to the Legislature, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the explanations made by the Public Printer and the public Treasurer in pursuance to a resolution of this House requiring the former to show why the exposes or statements of the Banks, transmitted by the Treasurer to the Legislature, have not been printed, were ordered to be inserted in the Journal.

The bill to secure to Nancy Sorels such property as she may acquire, was rejected on its second reading—40 to 42.

Monday, Dec. 1.

Mr. Nash presented the memorial of William H. Haywood, asking remuneration for certain services rendered the State in the Supreme and Superior Courts, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Nelson presented a bill concerning the registration of grants, which was read the first time, passed, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported unfavorably to the petition in favor of William Close; which report was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Loretz, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the County Courts exclusively cognizance of all applications for the erection of gates.

Mr. Boykin, from the Military committee, made a report, recommending the passage of the bill making it the duty of the Major General of the 3d division to review the militia at their usual regimental muster grounds; & also the bill to repeal in part the 3d section of the act of 1806, revising the militia laws of this State relative to Infantry, and to repeal the 9th and 10th sections of the act of 1813, amending the militia laws of this State. The report was concurred in, and said bills were read, the former the 1st, and the latter the second time, and passed.

Mr. Mitchell presented a bill to determine how surveys of land shall be made, to enable surveyors to obtain grants from the State, and to confirm grants heretofore made to surveyors and deputy surveyors in certain cases; which bill passed its first reading.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing for the taking the depositions of the Governor and the Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, to be read in evidence in all civil causes, whenever these officers are engaged in their official duties; and also, into the expediency of providing for the taking of depositions in all criminal suits, where the punishment to be inflicted does not extend to life or member, made a report, disapproving the second member of the resolution, and recommending the passage of a bill, reported, entitled "A bill for the taking of depositions." The report was concurred in, and the said bill read the first time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Nash, Mr. Alexander was added to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to demand immediately an inspection of the books of the State Bank of North Carolina, so far as is necessary to ascertain the amount of the capital stock of the said Bank, of the debts due to the same; of the monies deposited therein; of the notes in circulation; and of the cash on hand; and that he report the result of his examination to this House.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, of Orange, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to justices' executions, as to give to the execution *first levied* on personal property a priority of lien; and, also, into the expediency of so amending the law relating to the bonds taken by constables for the forthcoming of property levied on under justices' executions, as to require said bonds to be subscribed by one creditable witness.

On motion of Mr. Vail, a committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act as prevents the setting of nets or the drifting of nets on Roanoke river. Messrs. Vail, Sanderson, Spruill, Pierce, Mhoon, Watford, Cooper and D. Latham form the committee.

A message from the Senate, proposing to ballot on Friday next for Governor of the State, and stating that the names of Montfort Stokes and Richard D. Speight are in nomination; which proposition was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Gaston, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorising the Courts upon the petition of any man praying that an illegitimate child may be recognized as his lawful child, to legitimate such child accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, the committee of Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law, as to compel owners of land to list all the taxable free negroes and mulattoes that may live on their lands, and be bound for their taxes as for other property.

The engrossed bill to alter and amend the act of last session concerning the Public Treasury, passed its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Loretz, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving justices of the peace jurisdiction of lost property to any amount not exceeding twenty dollars, subject to the same, or similar proceedings that Courts are now required by law to notice and observe.

The resolution from the Senate, to appoint a joint select committee to take into consideration the expediency of erecting some tribunal for the trial of all minor offences against the State, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Calloway, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the cause of the delay of justice in criminal prosecutions; into the expediency of so amending the criminal law, as to compel the State and the accused to more speedy trials, so as to prevent the great expense which occurs in the delay of such justice; and into the expediency of so amending the law, as more effectually and more rigidly to compel witnesses in criminal causes to attend at such places as they may have been subpœned.

Mr. Newland submitted the following resolution, which was rejected:

Resolved, That the committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a turnpike road from the town of Morgantom to Fayetteville, and incorporating a company for that purpose; one half of the stock of which shall belong to the State.

Mr. Foy, from the select committee on the subject, reported the bill to amend the act of 1777, to encourage the building of public mills and directing the duty of millers, without amendment, and recommended its passage. The said bill was amended, read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, reported the bill to amend the act of 1820, extending the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace, without amendment. The said bill was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Saintclair presented a bill for the relief of wives in cases where husbands neglect to provide for the support of their families; which passed its first reading, and was ordered to be committed to the Judiciary.

Mr. Rives, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to change the name of Celia Garland, of Greene, which passed its first reading.

The bill to restore to Celia Garland, of Greene, such property as she may acquire, was passed its second and third readings, and ordered to be engrossed.

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Mr. Brittain, of Wake, introduced a bill to revive the act of 1805, chapter 30, amending the act for the regulation of the town of Morganton; which passed its first reading.

The bill to alter the names of, and to legitimate Andrew J. Perry and others, was read the 2d and 3d times, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

The Speaker laid before the House a Report of the Public Treasury relative to the Banks, made in pursuance to a resolution of this House of the 28th ultimo; which report, with the accompanying exhibits, was ordered to be laid on the table.

Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Received from the Governor the annual report of the Board of Internal Improvements, which was sent to the Senate, with a proposition that it be printed.

The bill to alter the act of 1827, concerning the Public Treasury, passed its two last readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill regulating trials in the Superior, and appeals to the Supreme Court, which was read the first time, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Anson, presented a bill to amend the 9th section of the act of 1806, chapter 697, for the more convenient administration of justice within this State, which was read the first time, and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Nash, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend the law with respect to the collection of debts from the estates of deceased persons; which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr Alford presented a bill to repeal the act of last session, for the better regulation of the County Courts of Robeson; which passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to restore to credit John A. Nuffer, of Anson, was read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported unfavorably to the petition of Charles Lewis, of Rutherford. Concurred in.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill for revising and digesting the public statute laws of this State; which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Nelson presented the memorial of the grand Jury of the County Court of Craven, exhibiting the insufficiency of the laws respecting people of colour hunting with dogs and guns, and praying the revising and amending said laws; which memorial was read and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Nelson, Bateman, Montgomery, Hellen, Saunderson, Dozier and Bryan.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Spruill in the Chair, on the bill to erect out of part of the counties of Burke and Buncombe a separate and distinct county; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Wednesday, Dec. 3.

On motion of Mr Cox, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing some mode by which final settlement may be made of the accounts of executors, administrators and guardians.

Mr. Nash presented the memorial of John D Hawkins, Edward T. Brodnax and John R. Eaton, on behalf of the Stockholders of the Roanoke Navigation Company; which was sent to the Senate, with a proposition that it be referred to a select joint committee of three members of each House.

A message from the Senate, stating that Messrs Wellborn, M'Desirmid, M'Neill, Deberry and Royal form the committee on their part to take into consideration the expediency of directing the State Engineer to examine and lay off a road from Fayetteville to Wilkesborough; and Messrs. Wellborn, Mears, Alexander, Marshall and Bailey to take into consideration the expediency of creating some tribunal for the trial of minor offences against the State. On the part of this House, Messrs. Fisher, Ship, Eccles, Gordon and Allison were appointed on the first of said resolutions, and Messrs Spruill, Gary, Mitchell, Ruffin and Swain on the second.

The resolution from Senate, appointing a joint select committee to inquire into the demand of the State against the general government, was concurred in, and Messrs Gaston, Spruill and Swain were appointed said committee on the part of this House.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill more effectually to prevent frauds in deeds or conveyances in trust; which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Potter presented a bill for the improvement of military discipline; which was read the first time and referred to the Military committee.

A message from the Senate, stating that the names of John Owen and Willis Alston are added to the nomination for Governor.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Chatham, the name of James Mebane was also added to said nomination.

Mr. [illegible] presented a bill to amend the act, authorising the County Courts of Craven and Cumberland to appoint special justices of the peace, &c. which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Swain presented a resolution, prescribing the manner in which the Comptroller shall have his annual statement printed; which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Clement, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the law regulating the sale of property under a writ of venditioni exponas.

Mr. Ellis presented a bill to place Quakers, Moravians, Menomists and Dunkards on an equal footing with the other free men of this State; which was read and referred to the Military committee.

The engrossed bill to legitimate Polly M. Stinson, of Chatham; and the engrossed bill to authorise the wardens of the poor of Lenoir to purchase a tract of land, and to erect thereon a house for the poor, passed their three several readings, and were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Saintclair presented a bill to prevent the falling of timber in, or obstructing the run of the Yadkin river in Wilkes county; which passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, an exhibit of the situation of the State Bank, transmitted by the Public Treasurer in pursuance of the resolution of the 1st instant; which was ordered to be printed.

Received from the Governor a communication relative to a Penitentiary and a Lunatic Asylum; which was sent to the Senate, with a proposition to refer it to the joint select committee on the Penitentiary and Lunatic Asylum.

FOREIGN.

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.

By the arrival of the Julius Cæ-

war, at this port, from Liverpool, Liverpool paper was received at the Coffee House, of the 2d inst. The state of the markets will be found in another column, favorable. We have more this arrival much more impo[rtant] from the seat of war, than [has] ceived by the way of New eight days since.

The report of the Russian before Shumla, is amply co[n]firmed.

Russia and Turkey.—The contents of the French papers of Monday are of considerable importance. The intelligence which supply from the seat of war is cast, though neither derives official authority nor strength precise dates and circumstances confirms the general statements previously received of the repulse of the Russian Army before Shumla, the disasters of its retreat across the Danube. Indeed the absence of all official notices from the Russian commanders, sufficiently proves the certainty of the failure, and the extent of their losses.

Paris, Oct. 15.—We have received from Bucharist the following letter, dated the 26th of September.

"The news which we have just received from the theatre of war confirm every thing which has been announced for this week past, respecting the movements of the Russian army before Shumla, and its retreat. The Russians, in order to cover the corps which were retiring, continued to occupy some intrenchments, but after having bravely defended them, they evacuated them, probably on learning that the Grand Vizier was marching by the road from Adrianople to the relief of Varna.

Hussein Bey had followed the remains of the army from Shumla by the road to Bazardjik, and detached another corps on the road to Austria and Hirsowa, in order to take advantage of the late events by the first of those places, and thereby ened the communications of the Russians on the Danube. The Russian head-quarters were still at Bazardjik on the 19th instant, but the difficulties in saving the *materiel* of the army, in the midst of the general distress, were immense."

We have learned by way of Trieste, that the Greek inhabitants of Candia have revolted against the Turks, whose garrison had taken refuge in the citadel, where it is besieged by the Greeks.

Other accounts from Augsburg, Frankfort, & Berlin, are still more disasterous; they represent the retreat of the Russians as rapid and disorderly. A convoy of hay had arrived, but had been immediately consumed; and as long as it lasted the horses of the cavalry and artillery were fed with flour, but even this resource is said to have failed; and the mortality among the horses was so great, that only four thousand mounted cavalry remained out of the whole army to protect its retreat. These accounts, indeed, go so far as to assert that the whole of Witgenstein's army had disbanded itself.

We have no intelligence from Varna later than the 21st, but every thing infers that it had not fallen at a much later period, because, if it had, the Russians would have been glad to have published it as a kind of set off against the retreat of the army from before Chumla.

The success of his arms may naturally be supposed to have increased the pretensions of the Sultan. Despatches from Constantinople articles say that he will not listen to any overture for negociation till the Russians have repassed the Danube and evacuated the Principalities.

The Turks have been successful in several sorties from Giurgevo on the Danube. They evince military skill which the Christians have hitherto been far from imputing to them; indeed, it is even said that there must be Christian officers among them.

Great hopes are entertained in England, that the Catholics will obtain emancipation. It is said a bill to that effect has been laid before the Duke of Wellington, which he entirely approves, and thinks it will be acceptable to every fair dealing and reasonable Catholic and Protestant in England and Ireland, and it is his intention to support it.

Liverpool, Oct. [illegible]

The imports of Cotton this week were 6000 bags. The sales [illegible] an advance generally of 1-8 per lb. on previous prices. 8000 Uplands, ordinary to good 5 7-8 to 7¼; 6000 Orleans at 5 7-8 to 7. New Orleans, ordinary to fine 6 1-8 to 8¼. About 1000 bags were taken on speculation. The markets have since been steady, but quiet with limited demand, and to-day (Oct. 20) the sales were about 3000 bags at the previous rates. To-day's time, 1000 bbls. sold at 11s 3d. 50 chaldrons Quercitron bark 15s per cwt. 1000 bbls. of Philad. flour have been sold to arrive at 36s. per bbl. in bond. Grain Market is dull, and wheat continues to decline.

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