the price heretofore to be paid for water; and appropriated funds, and permitting the entry of certain swamp lands. Mr. McLean moved to strike out the second section of the bill, which was agreed to. Mr. Davenport then moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed; which was decided in the affirmative.

Saturday, Dec. 13.

Mr. M'Kay, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill for an additional appropriation for improving the navigation of the Cape Fear River below Wilmington, reported a bill favorable to that object.

The engrossed bill from the other House, to appoint an additional place of public sale for the county of Rutherford, was read the first time and passed.

A message was received from the House of Commons, stating their concurrence in the amendments made by the Senate in the following engrossed bills, to wit: The bill more effectually to prescribe the duty of the county Trustee of Onslow county; the bill for the taking of depositions; and the bill to compel the major general to review each regiment in the county of Davidson separately; and the said bills were ordered to be enrolled.

The bill giving compensation to patrollers, was, on motion of Mr. Mebane, indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Love, a resolution was adopted authorising the Secretary of State to issue a grant to John Leatherwood for 167½ acres of land, upon the said Leatherwood's producing vouchers to shew that he has paid for the same.

Mr. M'Farland presented a bill to provide for poor persons who are desirous of becoming free holders in this State; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Croom from the select committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to regulate the damages on protested bills of exchange; which was read the first time and passed.

The engrossed bill to appoint an additional place of public sale for the county of Rutherford, was read the second and third times, and on motion of Mr. Shuford, amended and passed; and a message was sent to the House of Commons, asking their concurrence in the amendment.

The bill to regulate the emancipation of slaves, was read the third time, and, on the motions of Messrs. Beasley & Deberry, amended and passed—yeas 45—noes 10. The yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Joyner.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are Messrs. Alexander, Askew of Bertie, Askew of Hertford, Bailey, Beasley, Bell, Boddie, Broadnax, Burns, Brown, Croom, Davenport, Davis, Franklin of Iredell, Franklin of Surry, Hardin, Harrell, Hinton, Hunt, Love, M'Dearmid, M'Dowell, M'Eachin, M'Farland, M'Iunis, M'Neill, Matthews, Meares, Mebane, Miller, Pugh, Ramsey, Reinhardt, Royal, Ruffin, Sawyer, Scott, Smith of Person, Sherard, Shober, Shuford, Spaight, Walton, Wellborn and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are Messrs. Davidson, Deberry, Gray, Joiner, M'Daniel, Marshall, Parker, Riddick, Smith of Davidson, and Williams of Beaufort.

Monday, Dec. 15.

Mr. Ruffin presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, under the existing state of embarrassment, and scarcity of circulating medium, incalculable sacrifices of property are likely to be made under execution sales:

Be it therefore resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether, by the enactment of what is commonly termed a valuation law, or whether any other, or, if any, what means can be adopted to avert such a calamity; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The engrossed resolution, from the House of Commons, in favor of Wm. Criswell, was read and agreed to, and ordered to be enrolled.

The engrossed bill from the same, to prevent frauds in deeds of trust and mortgages, was read the first time and passed.

On motion of *Mr.* Deberry, a resolution was adopted authorising the Secretary of State to issue a grant to Pleasant Collicut, for 100 acres of land, in Randolph county, it appearing that the purchase money was paid for the same in due time.

The following bills were presented, to wit: by Mr. Gray, a bill appointing commissioners to alter the plan of the town of Asheborough, in the county of Randolph, and for the better regulation of the police of said town; by Mr. M'Dowell, a bill to allow compensation to Jurors of the original pannel, in the county of Buncombe; and by Mr. Gray, a bill to validate all grants issued by the Secretary of State on surveys made and signed only by deputy Surveyors previous to the year 1820. The two first bills were read the first, second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed; and the last mentioned bill was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Meares presented a bill concerning the action of replevin; which was read the first time and passed, and on motion of the introducer, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Mebane, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported unfavorable on the resolution requiring them to inquire into the expediency of paying to Gilbert Sellers, of Randolph county, a certain sum of money; which was concurred in.

Mr. Riddick presented the petition of sundry citizens of Perquimons county, praying the appropriations of money to remove certain obstructions in Perquimons river; which was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

The Senate entered on the orders of the day, and the bill to extend the provisions of an act, passed in the year 1822, entitled "an act granting further time to perfect titles within this State," engrossed the second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favor of John Gatlin, Sheriff of Ashe county, was read the second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

The following engrossed bills were read the second and third times, passed and ordered to be enrolled: A bill to determine how surveys of land shall be made to enable surveyors to obtain grants from the State, and to confirm grants hereafter made to surveyors and deputy surveyors in certain cases; and the bill to amend an act, passed in the year 1820, chapter 1043, entitled "an act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace."

The bill to alter and amend the act of 1812, "entitled an act prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians," was read the second time and passed.

The resolution in favor of Stephen Pearson, was read the second time and rejected.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, Mr. Shober in the Chair, on the bill in aid of the Clubfoot and Harlows Creek Canal Company; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and the Chairman reported sundry amendments to the bill; which being read, Mr. Sherard moved that the bill, together with the amendments, be indefinitely postponed; which was determined in the negative—ayes 10, noes 45. The amendments were then agreed to, and the bill, as amended, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Spaight presented to the Senate, the transfer to the State of North Carolina of one share held by him in the capital stock of the Clubfoot and Harlows Creek Canal Company; which was read and laid on the table.

The Senate continued on the orders of the day; and the bill to regulate costs in petitions for dower and partition, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. M'Dearmid, amended, and read the third time and passed.

The bill to provide for the final settlement of executors & administrators, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to authorise the Treasurer of this State to purchase Stock in the Cape Fear Navigation Company, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Brown, indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill prescribing the manner in which field officers and general officers shall be recommended to the General Assembly, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Davidson, indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill to amend the 9th section of an act, passed in the year 1806, chap. 693, entitled "an act for the more convenient administration of justice within this State," was read the second time and passed, and being subsequently read the third time, was, on motion of Mr. Hunt, laid on the table.

The following bills were read the second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed: A bill to amend an act, passed in 1821, entitled "an act to promote the administration of justice, by requiring the production of papers in certain cases;" and the bill to amend an act, passed in 1823, entitled "an act to amend and extend the provisions of an act, entitled 'an act to promote agriculture and family domestic manufactures in this State.'"

The bill concerning colored apprentices, and also the bill to reduce the tax on billiard tables were rejected on their second readings.

Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Received from the House of Commons the following engrossed bills, to wit: A bill to amend an act, entitled "an act appointing commissioners to erect a building in the town of Lincolnton for the accommodation of jurors," passed in the year 1826; a bill regulating the mode of trial in the Superior Courts, and appeal to the Supreme Court; a bill to amend an act, passed, in 1827, chap. 72, entitled "an act to compel the County Court of Nash to appoint a committee of finance;" a bill authorising Thomas Hancock, late Sheriff of Randolph county, to collect the arrearages of taxes due him for the year 1826; a bill in addition to the acts respecting divorce and alimony; a bill to incorporate the town of Clinton, in Sampson county, and to extend the limits thereof; and a bill to incorporate the French Broad Bridge Company; which were read the first time and passed; and the bill regulating the mode of trial in the Superior, and appeals to the Supreme Court, was on motion of Mr. Miller, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The following bills were presented, read the first time and passed, to wit: By Mr. Walton, a bill to alter the time of holding the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Chowan; by Mr. Miller, a bill to repeal an act, entitled "an act for the better regulation of the town of Kennansville, in Duplin county;" & by Mr. Ramsey, a bill requiring the county Trustee of Chatham county to pay the Jurors of said county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Mebane, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for improving the navigation of Neuse River from Smithfield to Cobbs' Mills, made a detailed report, accompanied with a bill for the improvement of the navigation of Neuse river; and the bill was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Abraam, from the select joint committee on the accounts of the Clubfoot and Harlow Creek Canal Company, made a report, which was read, and sent to the house of Commons.

The bill to alter and amend the act of 1819, entitled "an act prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians," was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

The following bills were read the second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed: A bill to repeal an act entitled "an act for the better regulation of the town of Kevansville, in Duplin county"; and the bill requiring the county trustee of Chatham county to pay the jurors of said county, and for other purposes.

The bill to alter the time of holding the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Chowan, was read the second time and passed.

The following engrossed bills were read the second and third times and ordered to be engrossed to wit: A bill authorising Thos. Hancock, late Sheriff of Randolph county, to collect the arrearages of taxes due him for 1826; a bill to amend an act, entitled "an act appointing commissioners to erect a building in the town of Lincolnton for the accommodation of jurors," passed in 1826; a bill to incorporate the town of Clinton, &c. and a bill to incorporate the French Broad Bridge company.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, Mr. Miller in the Chair, on the bill to prevent frauds in the execution of mortgages and deeds in trust; and also on the engrossed bill to prevent frauds in deeds of trust and mortgages; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Miller reported the latter bill, with, and the former without amendment; and the latter, as amended, was read the second time and passed.

The engrossed resolution in favor of the Mexican dwarf, was, on its second reading, on motion of Mr. Mebane, postponed indefinitely—Ayes 33, Noes 20.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 11.

Mr. Swain presented a bill for the relief of sundry persons engaged in surveying the Cherokee lands; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Jones, of Warren, presented a bill authorising the County Courts of Warren to appoint a patrol for the town of Warrenton in certain cases; which passed its three readings and was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Mendenhall presented a bill to revive the act of 1816, appointing commissioners for the town of Jamestown, and incorporating the same; and Mr. Stedman, a bill supplemental to the act of 1827, compelling the County Courts of Gates to appoint a committee of finance; which were read three times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The proposition of the Senate, to ballot on Saturday next for Treasurer and Comptroller, was concurred in, and the names of William Robards and James Grant were nominated for the appointments.

Mr. Fisher presented the petition of Abraham Brandon, praying to be placed on the pension list. Referred.

The engrossed bills to repal the act of 1815, incorporating the Person Library Company, and to authorise the County Court of Warren to dispose of a part of the public square in the town of Warrenton, passed their several readings, and were ordered to be enrolled.

The resolution from the Senate, proposing to consolidate the several select joint committees appointed on the public documents transmitted by Mr. Macon, &c. was agreed to.

The engrossed resolutions in favor of Thomas Brown and James Beyson, Jr. were read, adopted, and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Boykin from the committee to conduct the balloting for Public Printer, reported that Lawrence & Lemay are duly elected.

Mr. Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to restore to credit George B. Greer, of Buncombe; which was read and rejected.

The engrossed resolution in favor of L. D. Wilson, Isaac Wright and F. I. Hill, was read the third time and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Potter presented a bill to alter the law of suffrage for the town of Oxford; which passed its three readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wheeler presented a bill regulating the inspection of fish for the town of Murfreesborough; and Mr. Webb, a bill appointing an additional place of public sale for the county of Rutherford; which bills passed their first reading.

On motion of Mr. Moore, of Stokes, the committee of Claims were instructed to inquire into the propriety of authorising the Secretary of State to issue a grant to Matthew Deatheridge, of Stokes, for a certain entry of land, or of refunding to him the money which he has paid for said land.

The resolution from the Senate, to raise a joint select committee to examine and adjust the accounts of the Clubfoot and Harlows Creek Canal Company, was concurred in, and Messrs. Fisher, Gary and Borden were appointed the committee on the part of this House.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of ascertaining by law the liability of the several sets of securities to guardian bonds, where several bonds are given by the same guardian for the same ward.

Recieved from the Governor the annual report of the President and Directors of the Literary Fund; which was sent to the Senate, with a proposition to refer it to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Rowan,

Resolved, That, for the purpose of encouraging domestic industry and promoting a spirit of economy in our State, it be recommended to the members of the next General Assembly to appear in their places clad in homespun.

Friday, Dec. 12

Mr. Spruill, from the committee of Claims, made a report, recommending the rejection of the resolution in favor of Matthew Dearborn. Concurred in.

The engrossed bill authorizing the Justices of the County Courts of Randolph, Moore and Montgomery to appoint commissioners to run and established the line between said counties, passed its several readings, and was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Newland, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for cavalry officers attached to the 10th brigade, reported that John Zimmerman is duly elected Colonel, and Henry Fullenwider, Lieutenant Colonel.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the committee of finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the revenue laws, so as to impose a certain per cent. on the capital stock in trade.

The bill to appoint an additional place of public sale for the county of Rutherford, was read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Brittain, of Burke, presented a bill for the better regulation of the County Courts of Burke; and Mr. Hellen, a bill to authorise a lottery for the benefit of Taylor Lodge, No. 69, in the town of Beaufort; which passed their first reading.

Mr Ellis presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to be engrossed:

Resolved, That the Mexican dwarf, Becenta Flores, be exempted from paying a tax for exhibiting himself in this State.

Mr Alexander presented a bill to authorise and direct the Supreme Court to be holden in the several places therein named, and to advance the administration of justice in the trial of equity causes. [Provides that a Supreme Court shall be held at Salisbury on the 3rd Monday in January and July, and at Raleigh on the first Monday in June and December, in each year, and that each term shall continue for six weeks if the business shall shall require it.] Which bill was read the first time and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Borden,

Resolved, That this House appropriate suitable seats for the stenographers, who may feel disposed to attend this House for the purpose of reporting the proceedings of the House.

Mr Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a resolution in favor of John Black, sheriff of Cumberland, which passed its first reading.

A message from the Senate, stating that Messrs. Hunt, Wilson and Meares form the committee on their part to take into consideration the expediency of publishing a history of the State subsequent to the year 1776. Messrs. Fisher, Montgomery and Potter were then appointed the committee on the part of this House.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Adjutant General; which was read and sent to the Senate, with a proposition that the Roster, accompanying the report, be printed.

The Members of the Senate having entered and taken seats agreeably to previous arrangement, the usual oaths of office were administered to John Owen, the Governor elect, by Chief Justice John L. Taylor.

Saturday Dec. 13.

The engrossed bill to establish a manufacturing company in Randolph county, was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Wyche, from the committe of Finance, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to compel owners of lands to list all free negroes and mulattoes who may live on their land, and be bound for their taxes, as for other property, reported a bill more effectually to enforce the payment of taxes from free negroes and mulattoes in certain cases; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Gary, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Public Treasurer, and Comptroller, Reported that Wm. Robards, as Public Treasurer, and James Grant, as Comptroller of the Public Accounts, were duly elected. Concurred in.

The bill for revising and digesting the public statute laws of this State, was read the second time, and amended, and, on motion of Mr. Potter, ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Rowan, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Public Treasurer be directed to pay to W. P. Martin the sum of forty dollars for his services in bearing an express to his Excellency Governor Owen.

And Mr. Wheeler presented the following:

Resolved, That the Public Treasurer be directed to pay to Richard Smith the sum of eighteen dollars and seventeen cents, for articles furnished for the use of the Governor's palace. Referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill to prevent frauds in deeds of trust and mortgages, was read the third time, amended, passed, and oredred to be engrossed.

Mr. Blackledge, from the select joint committee, reported a bill to vest the right of electing sheriffs in the several counties within this State, in the free white men thereof; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Vail presented a resolution in favor of Wm. Robinson, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

The House was this day chiefly engaged in discussion on the report of the committee on the memorial of the Tuscarora Indians, which was finally recommitted, on the motion of Mr. Gaston.

Monday, Dec. 15.

A message was recieved from the Senate, informing that they had passed the following engrossed bills, with amendments in each, and asking the concurrence of this House, to wit: the engrossed bill requiring the county trustees of the counties of Davidson and Rowan, respectively, to pay the jurors of said counties, and for other purposes; and the engrossed bill to appoint an additional place of public sale for the county of Rutherford; which were read and concurred in.

The bill in addition to the acts respecting divorce and alimony, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Boykin presented a bill to incorporate the town of Clinton and to extend the limits thereof; which passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Graham presented a bill requiring Registers and the Clerks of the County Courts to keep their offices at the Court Houses; which was read the first time and passed.

The engrossed bill to regulate the emancipation of slaves, was read the first time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Boylan,

Resolved, That the committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a part of the literary fund for the education of poor and indigent children in the several counties in this State, and that they report a plan to carry the same into effect either by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Bass presented a bill to amend an act, passed in the year 1827, chapter 72, entitled "an act to compel the County Court of Nash to appoint a committee of Finance;" and Mr. Walker of Randolph, presented a bill authorizing Thomas Hancock, late Sheriff of Randolph county, to collect the arrearages of taxes for the year 1826, which passed their several readings, and were ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed resolution in favor of John Leatherwood, of Haywood county, was concurred in and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Shipp presented a bill authorizing the Court of Equity to grant administration in certain cases; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Newland presented a bill to amend an act, passed in the year 1745, chapter 80, entitled "an act for the better observation and keeping of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, and for the suppression of vice and immorality," which was read and rejected.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to amend the law with respect to the collection of debts from the estates of deceased persons, reported the said bill without amendment; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Wyche, amended; and, on motion, ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Swain presented a bill to incorporate the French Broad Bridge Company; which passed its several readings and was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Swain,

Resolved, That the committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the facts connected with the Claim of James Kerkendale, for constructing and keeping in repair a turnpike road in the county of Buncombe; and that the committee have leave to report a bill for his relief, if, upon examination, they should believe it just.

Mr. Spruill, from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred a resolution in favor of Thomas Phelps, returned it to the House with a recommendation that it be passed, and it was accordingly read the first time and passed.

Mr. Shipp presented a bill to amend an act, entitled "an act appointing commissioners to erect a building in the town of Lincolnton for the accommodation of Jurors" which passed its three several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favor of John Black, sheriff of Cumberland county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Bozman presented the certificate of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the county of Chowan, allowing Eleanor Truelove a pension of ninety dollars for the present year; which was ordered to be countersigned by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The bill regulating the mode of trial in the Superior, and appeals to the Supreme Court, was read the third time, amended, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Gaston presented a bill respecting the Newbern Academy; which was read three times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Swain presented the petition of sundry citizens of Buncombe county, on the subject of the Buncombe Turnpike Company; which was read and referred.

Mr Nash, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom were referred the following resolutions, to wit: a resolution instructing said committee to report a bill requiring executors to give bond and security in certain cases, also requiring said committee to inquire into the expediency of ascertaining by law the liabilities of the securities to guardian bonds in certain cases, and also the expediency of passing a law authorising merchants to retail spirituous liquors without a retail license; also requiring them to report on the expediency of amending the law as it respects the outlawry of runaway slaves; also to inquire into the expediency of extending the time of staying executions on justices' Judgements; reported that it is inexpedient, in their opinion, to legislate on the several subjects embraced in said resolutions; which was concurred with.

Mr Nash, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill amendatory of the several acts prescribing the manner in which lands under execution shall be sold, reported that it is not expedient to change the law as it now stands on that subject; which was concurred with.

Mr. Nash, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution requiring them to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Medical Board, asked that the committee be discharged from the consideration thereof, as not coming correctly within the sphere of their inquiry, and the committee were discharged.

Mr. Nash from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to declare the effect of a nolle prosequi upon an indictment, returned the said bill to the House, with an amended, and recommended its passage. The bill was read the second time, as amended, and passed.

The bill for revising and digesting the public statute laws of this State, was read the second time and passed.

The bill more effectually to enforce the payment of taxes from free negroes and mulattoes in certain cases, was read the second time and passed.

The bill requiring the oaths of two disinterested witnesses for the removal of suits, was read the second time and rejected—yeas 32, nays 91.

Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Mr. Jasper presented a bill to require the Sheriff of Hyde county to sell the old public buildings of said county; which passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

The following engrossed bill were read three times, passed and ordered to be enrolled, to wit: The bill appointing commissioners to alter the plan of the town of Asheborough, in the county of Randolph, and for the better regulation of the police of said town; and the bill to allow compensation to Jurors of the original pannel, in the county of Buncombe.

The following engrossed bills were read the first time and passed: The bill to amend an act, passed in 1823, entitled "an act to amend and extend the provisions of an act, entitled an act to promote agriculture and family domestic manufactures;" the bill to amend an act, passed in the year 1821, entitled "an act to promote the administration of justice in this State, by requiring the production of papers in certain cases;" the bill to extend the provisions of an act, passed in the year 1822, entitled "entitled an act granting further time to perfect titles to land within this State;" and the bill to regulate costs in petitions for dower and partition.

Mr. Swain presented a bill concerning the hands liable to work on the Buncombe turnpike road; which was read three times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Allison presented the petition of Joseph Byers and others, of the county of Iredell, praying that the said Byers be authorised to erect a gate on a public road passing through his lands, free from tax. Referred.

Mr Gary from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported unfavorably on the petition of sundry citizens of wake in behalf of Herod Howington; which was concurred in.

Mr. Alexander, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the draining of Mattamuskeet Lake, reported said bill to the House, with a recommendations that it be passed into a law; and on motion of Mr. Potter, it was laid on the table.

Mr. Nicholson presented a bill to incorpor-

[illegible] Rockford, [illegible] which was read the first time and passed.

A resolution was [illegible] every, enquiring the amount of [illegible] while acting as officers on [illegible] Fayetteville, and also a [illegible] the Dismal Swamp Canal Co[illegible] referred, the former to the [illegible] and the latter to the [illegible] provisions.

The bill for revising and [illegible] Statute laws of this State, with [illegible] Farley, postponed [illegible] 51.

Correction.—The [illegible] House of Commons on the [illegible] ing the Judiciary committee [illegible] expediency of the meeting of [illegible] ments given by justices of [illegible] the time of staying said [illegible] being issued by [illegible] Chowan, as stated in our last [illegible] Raleigh.

CONGRESS

SENATE.

A special Committee on [illegible] tions was chosen by ballot. [illegible] ceeded to the choice of the [illegible] matters by ballot, when the [illegible] chosen:

On Foreign Relations.—Messrs. [illegible] Sanford, White, Berrien, and Bell.

On Finance.—Messrs. Smith, of [illegible] Lane, Smith of S. C. [illegible]

On Commerce.—Messrs. [illegible] Johnston, of Lou. Williams and [illegible]

On Agriculture.—Messrs. [illegible] ny, Willey, Marks and Chambers.

The balloting for the remaining [illegible] were suspended.

Tuesday, D[illegible]

The election of standing committees [illegible] tinued and completed, which are as follows:

Committee on Military Affairs.—Messrs. Benton, (Chairman,) Johnson of Ky. [illegible] Chandler and Hendricks.

Committee on the Militia.—Messrs. [illegible] (Chairman,) Marks, Tyler, White and Branch.

Committee on Naval Affairs.—Messrs. [illegible] (Chairman,) Robbins, Seymour, Webster and Tazewell.

Committee on Public Lands.—Messrs. [illegible] ton, (Chairman,) King, Eaton, Ellis and [illegible]

Committee on Private Land Claims.—Messrs. Smith, of S. C. (Chairman,) M'Kinley, [illegible] Kane and Barton.

Committee on Indian Affairs.—Messrs. [illegible] (Chairman,) Foote, King, Prince and [illegible]

Committee of Claims.—Messrs. [illegible] (Chairman,) Bell, Chase, Rowan, White [illegible]

Committee on the Judiciary.—Messrs. [illegible] en, (Chairman,) Seymour, Webster, [illegible] Hayne.

Committee on the Post Offices and Post Roads.—Messrs. Johnson of Ken. (Chairman,) Tyler, Johnson of Lou. and Silsbee.

Committee on Pensions.—Messrs. [illegible] (Chairman,) Marks, Chase, Foot and [illegible]

Committee on the District of Columbia.—Messrs. Eaton (Chairman,) Bouligny, [illegible] Noble and Ridgley.

Committee on the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.—Messrs. Kane, (Chairman,) [illegible] and Chambers.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Marks, (Chairman,) Willey and [illegible]

Mr. Silsbee submitted a Resolution instructing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the existing difference of two and a half per cent. between the duties on imported goods and drawbacks allowed, &c., was agreed to. A bill for graduating the price of public lands, making provisions for actual settlers, was read a second time and referred. [illegible] *Ryland* was elected Chaplain of the Senate for this session. The several subjects in the President's Message were referred to appropriate Committees.

Thursday, Dec. [illegible]

Mr. Hayne presented a memorial from Masters and Commandant of the United States navy, complaining of the inequality of the laws regulating the pay of the officers of the navy. Mr. Robbins introduced a bill prescribing a mode of commencing, prosecuting, and deciding controversies between States; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Senate did not sit on Friday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, Dec.

A number of resolutions were offered, among others, was a resolution offered by Mr Gilmore, calling for various information on the subject of the Military Academy at West Point. A resolution was offered by Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, referring to the Committee of Ways and Means the consideration of the expediency of reducing the duties on tea. A message was received from the President, enclosing a statement of the work of Internal Improvements, projected, commenced, as contained in estimates received from the offices of the Chief Engineer and the Quarter Master General. Mr. Silsbee submitted a resolution for the appointment of a Commissioner in each State, whose duty it should be to make inquiry, and annual reports, as to the internal condition of the several States, with a view to regulate the appropriations for the benefit of the States; but the resolution was promptly rejected.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, it was ordered that the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an additional appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of Cape Fear and Indent in North-Carolina.

Tuesday, Dec.

A resolution was offered requiring the Committee on Manufactures to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duty on wool. When this resolution was read, Mr. Wayne demanded the question of consideration, and asked for the Ayes and Noes on the question, which were ordered. The question was then taken by ayes and noes, and the House refused to consider the resolution—Ayes 75, Noes 99. The annual Treasury Report was communicated to the House by the Speaker, and 6000 copies were ordered to be printed. A report from the Secretary of War, on the subject of the civilization of the Indians, was communicated to the House and ordered to be printed.

After the morning business had been disposed of, the Speaker called the Orders of the Day, when, on motion of Mr. Strong, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and took up the bill to authorize the establishment of a territorial government of Huron. Mr. Strong moved several amendments to the bill, and having filled up the blanks, the Committee rose, and reported the bill as amended. The bill and amendments were then laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Conner offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways