a report which was brought to his house by some ladies who had arrived on the night previous from Fayetteville, that its citizem were in a state of alarm bordering on distraction, in consequence of information which they in that town had received from some of the lower counties. Then this they in that town had received from some of the lower counties. Upon this, a consultation was held with the members of the har by his Honor, all of whom, he believed, advised the Judge, that in consequence of the unsettled wate of the public mind, it would be best and right to adjourn the court, and each of them repair home and take care of their wives and children. Notwithstanding this, so anxious was the Judge to discharge the duties of his office, that he had nerve enough to continue the court, and did so continue it until Monday of the second weeks at which time he re-

ed; yeas 83, noes 87.

Tuesday, Dec. 13.

SENATE.

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Bills read the first time and passed. By Mr. Martin, of Wilkes, a bill to repeal in part on act passed in 1829, chap. 22, enti-iled an act to regulate the entries of lands in tain cases. By Mr. Seawell, a bill to horize the Courts of Pleas and Quarter ssions in this State to erect Poor Houses

cir respective counties, motion of Mr. M'Farland, Resolved. That the select committee to equire into the amount of dividends and cours divided by the Banks of this State. beaus divided by the Banks of this State, i.e. be instructed to inquire into, and report be amount of Bank debts due to the Banks in this State, including the Branch Bank of the United States, and the interest paid on said debts; also, as near as may be, the amount of per cent, made upon their specie paid in and Banks as stock.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom the

committee of Finance to burn the Treasury Notes now in the Treasury was taken up and read. It was then amended, and read and adopted. A message was sent to the flouse of Corumons saking their concurrence in the

Bragg, the bond executed by him for the faithful performance of a contract entered into by him for covering the State House; and the resolution, bond and other papers having been read,

Mr. Seawell rose and said he did no Mr. Seawell rose and said he did not understand that Mr. Bragg was to be puid he thought he had been paid for the work that had been received; and what other work, he asked, was there that was yet to be paid for?

Mr. Williams thought if this resolution were rejected in the first instance, it would defeat the object of the amendment entirely.

Mr. Seawell understood that Mr. Bragg had been paid for the work he had done at the Secretary of State's Office; therefore the resolution was perfectly nugatory in its operation, because they had learnt from the Treasurer that the whole amount of compensation for work done had been paid.

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Mr. Askew said it was a fact that the work done on the Secretary's Office had been paid for. As respected the resolution it was introduced in that way to sait the majority of the committee, and he supposed it would be inferred from the resolution that he was as to be paid something. He was opposed to it, although he had introduced it from the instructions of a majority of the committee.

Mr. Mosely moved that the resolution and accompanying papers be laid upon the table. The resolution was read the first time and passed; and on being read the second time, Mr. Marshall, of Carteret, moved to strike out the whole thereof, and insert the following preamble and resolution as a substitute:

Whereas from the exhibits accompanying the report, and the report itself made by the committee on that part of the Treasure's report relative to the contract for covering the State House, it fully appears that the contractor in performing the work used the greatest caution, vigilence and attention; that he executed it in the most superior style; that in a very short time he would have delivered it into the hands of the commissioners; and that, from all the evidence, it appears that the catastrophe was the result of are that the catastrophe was the sesuit of re accident, or possibly the work of an in-idiary; and whereas the justice of the car-

should not be sacrificed to the mere technical consideration of the work not being lelivered therefore

Resolved, that the Treasurer be and the issereby authorized to pay Thomas Bragg, he contractor for covering the State House, he sum for which he contracted to do the rork, in the same manner as if the same had cen delivered to, and received by the company that the company the same had cen delivered to, and received by the company that the same had cen delivered to, and received by the company that the same had cen delivered to, and received by the company that the same had centered to th

missioners.

Mr. Cowpet, of Gates, moved that the further consideration of the resolution and substitute he postponed until to morrow; but his motion was lost; and then

Mr. Martain, of Rockingham, rose and made some remarks on what had occurred at the State House just previous to its conflagration. The manner in which fire was carried up to the top of the building was any thing but eareful. It was evident that it had been conveyed between two shingles. As to Mr. Bragg, he was careful enough when there. It was his duty to employ such hands as would be cautious. The bond was specific that the building was in the care of the contractor.

Mr. Hawkins observed that this was stub-ject he had not contemplated making any remarks upon; but from the expressions that had fallen from the gentleman from Book ingham, a few ideas had struck his mind. The duty he owed to Mr. Bragg and every other critizen, as a Senator from the county of Warren, would not allow him to pass over in silence what had been said. Alluding to Mr. Bragg, Mr. H. remarked that he had under taken to perform a certain act, and was resilence what had been said. Alluding to Mr. Bragg, Mr. H. remarked that he had under taken to perforn a certain act, and was going on with the duties of it, when after some time had elapsed, the commissioners thought that something more than what was contracted for might be essential. To carry their object into effect, and which they conceived would be for the greater safety of the State House, they applied to the contractor, wishing him, without making any further contract, in addition to the one a greed upon, to do a little more. The contractor was a faithful and honest, and correct man, to his certain knowledge,—one with whom he had been acquainted for 25 years, and whose character was unimpeachable in the county of Warren in which he resided. That Gentleman soceded to their wishes, and seted as honorably as he could have done. If he mistook not, the gentleman from Rockingham appeared to think that Mr. Hragg was not attentive to his business, and that it was his duty to be present at all times when the work was going on.

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Mr. Hawkins resumed. It appeared that Mr. Bragg was almost always present. He was there just before the fire

that Mr. Bragg was almost always pre sent. He was there just before the fire, when he went to breakfast. Mr. Bragg had accommodated the commissioners, and that without making any charge for his labor. He could not think of voting against him. He would not think of voting against him. He would move that the resolution and substitute, together with the accompanying papers, be laid upon the table; which was agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Proposition and Grievanees, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Iredell and Rowan, reported a bill to prevent the felling of timber or otherwise obstructing the channel of Honting Creek, in the counties of Rowan and Iredell; which was read the 1st time and passed.

Mr. Leske, from the committee on Claims, to

which was referred the memorial of Stephen Hurring, of Sampson county, reported unfavorably of it. Concurred in. Mr. Townsend, from the committee on Finance,

On motion of mr. A. W. Wooten,

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Public Treasurer, transmitting, in obedience to the resolution of yesterday, another documents relating to the progress of and present condition of the affairs of the Rosnoke Navigation Company. Ordered to be printed.

The bill for the better regulation of shaws and free persons of enter in the county of Camdeo, was read and rejected.

Bills presented, read the first time and passed. By Mr. Chyton, a bill to creet out of the countries of Burke and Buncombe a separate and distinct county by the name of Yaney. Referred. By Mr. Ziglar, a bill directing the manner in which constables shall bareafter be elected in the county of Stokes. By Mr. Freeman, a bill for the better regulation of a Light Intantry Company in the county of Beaufort, called the Wachington Guards.

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The bill authorizing the administrator of Samuel Pemberton, deceased, late sheriff of the county of Montgomery, to collect the arrearage of taxes due the said Pemberton for the year 1827 and 1828, was read the third time, amended, passed, and ordered to be engressed.

The engrossed resolution in Lavor of William Thompson, sheriff of Wayne county, heretofor resoluted by this House, was reconsidered, and

you have much to do before your final adjourn-ment, I will not detain you longer than to retur-you my thanks for your marked and continue confidence, and assure you that my part of the public husiness shall be strictly and promptly at

-000 Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Mr. Sneed presented the memorial o the President and Directors of the Buncombe Turnpike Company. The object of the memorial was to provide against a serious evil and inconvenience to which the company is subjected. Means had been taken to deprive it of a considerable portion of the benefit derived by the charter granting them leave to establish a road and receive the tolls thereon, by persons cutting out roads around it, and thus avoiding the payment of toll. This company proposed that persons should be debarsed upon those who should violate their privilege. The memorial was read,

Mr. Seawell, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the engrossed bill for the collection of costs in certain cases, without amendment. It was then read the second time, and passed. Mr. Seawell, from the committee on

the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution to inquire whether it is necessary to make any amendments in the existing law to provide for cases where the County Courts shall fail or neglect to down increases for the Severier the County Courts shall fail or neglect to draw jurors for the Superior and County Courts, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill entitled a bill amending the laws relative to the manner of appointing jurors for the Superior and County Courts of this State; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Sneed, from the committee on Finance, whose duty it is made by law to examine the reports of the Public Treasurer and Comptroller, and in general into the state and condition of the finances of the State, made a detailed

inances of the State, made a detailed report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller credit Wm, S. Mhoon, Esq. Public Treasurer, with the sum of 28, 894 dollars and 97 cents, that being the smount of Treasury Notes hurst by the committee of Fausice up to the 1st day of December, 1831.

Which was read and adopted and ordered to be engrossed, and the report to be printed.

be printed.
Mr. Seawell prescuted the following

resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Commons, That the report of the committee of Finance on the state of the Public Treasury, be printed and bound up with the laws passed at this session of the General Assembly.

Which was read and adopted, and ordered to be engressed.

Mr. Montgomery of Orange, from the Select committee appointed to inquire into the amount of dividends and bo-

nus which the banks of this State have declared from the year 1810 up to the last semi annual exhibits published by said banks, &c. made a detailed report thereon, setting forth the information required; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Seawell presented a bill proviling for the assignment of dower, and for the partition of the whole real estate of deceased persons where a part thereof is in North Carolina and part in other States. Read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Montgomery of Hertford, from the committee to whom was referred so to which was referred the resolution in tayor of much of the Governor's Message as re-

HOUSE OF COMM On motion of mr. Meha was sent to the Senate, add one member from a the committee on Banks. was added on the part of t Messre. Daniel and

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stockholders of the State Bank, was sent to the Senate, with a tion that it be printed.

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Mr. Mebane, from the Internal Improvement dry resolutions had be lation to the dredging machine ing to the State, reported a bill into effect the provisions of the 1825, providing for the remove shoal in the river below the Washington; which bill passe

Mr. Townsend, from the of Finance, to which was re bill to amend the act of 1822. a revenue for the payment of list and contingent charges of ment, reported the same with ments. The amendments were red in, and the bill was ordered

A Legislature prorogued by the lay. The New Nark Eagle states that the lof New Jersey have adjourned until the day in February, owing to the prevaies fluenza among the Members, which we not that on some days not half of them. tend in their places.

The jail of Davidson county is said by tern Caroliman to be at this time term circumstance which that paper affirms occurrent before a new Davidson has been