Legislative Proceedings.

SENATE.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 9th, 1861.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported certain resolutions, which passed their several readings and were ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hall introduced a bill to authorize the issuing of due bills in the town of Wilmington. Read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Pitchford introduced the following bills:

Bill to repeal the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th sections of the 1st chapter of the Revised Code, entitled Agriculture and Geology.

This bill proposes to abolish the office of Geologist.

Bill to suspend the semi-annual distribution of the Common School fund until the Legislature authorizes the same to be resumed. Read 1st and 2nd times and rejected.

This bill proposes to abolish the office of Superintendent of Common Schools until its re-establishment by authority of the Legislature.

The bill to provide for the education of State Cadets at the N. C. Military Institute in the town of Charlotte, and for other purposes, was then taken up and passed its second reading.

The engrossed bills from the House of Commons concerning taxes, passed several readings, under a suspension of the rules.

The bill exempts pistols, knives and sword-canes from taxation.

Received a message from the House of Commons transmitting a resolution authorizing and requesting the Governor to provide for the providioning and paying expenses of troops passing through this State from the Southern States to Virginia. Passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules and ordered to be enrolled.

Also an amendment as a substitute to the Senate resolution to provide for the printing of the Volunteer's Hand-book. Not agreed to.

The Senate, on motion, took a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Arendell introduced a bill to establish a Navy Yard at or near the port of Beaufort. Referred.

Received a message from the House transmitting a resolution to provide for the establishment of bakeries at Raleigh, and other places for the benefit of troops. Laid on the table.

The engrossed resolution from the House authorizing and requesting the Governor to commission such officers as have or may resign their commissions in the army and navy of the United States, with the same rank and pay as officers in the Confederate States, was taken up, and the substitute by the Committee adopted, and under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings.

Received a message from the House, transmitting the Senate resolution concerning the establishment of a military board, with an amendment to decrease the salary of clerk of said board from $1,000 to $500.—Amendment not concurred in.

Also, a message, transmitting the Senate bill to provide for the public defence, with slight amendments. Concurred in.

The resolution authorizing and requesting the Governor to use all honorable means, civil and military, consistent with the Constitution, to protect the persons and property of our citizens was read second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Morehead, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the bill providing for the education of State Cadets at the N. C. Military Institute in the town of Charlotte, and recommended its passage. Laid on the table.

The bill providing for the enrollment of free men of color was read the second time and laid on the table.

The bill to repeal the resolution passed at the late session of the Legislature to provide for the publication of certain colonial records. Read second time and laid on the table.

Messrs. Barringer and Worth were appointed a committee to confer with the Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute relative to the publication of said records and other matters let to contract by the Legislature.

The bill to authorize the County Court to lay taxes for the support of volunteers and police forces was taken up and read the second time, and with an amendment, giving the same authority to cities and towns, and another to the effect that the said tax shall be levied upon all subjects of taxation, now taxed for State purposes, passed its several readings and was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, May 9, 1861.

Mr. Donnell asked and obtained leave to enter his protest on the journal against the resolution adopted by the House yesterday ceding five miles square of the territory of this State to the Confederate Congress, for a seat of government.

Sundry reports were received from standing committees.

Mr. Batchelor introduced a bill to organize the Home Guards. Referred to the Committee on Police Regulations.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, which was the bill to provide for the defence of the State. Read second time, and with numerous slight amendments passed. The bill was then read the third time, and with other slight amendments passed, and was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting the following engrossed resolutions, &c., in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

Bill to create a military board. Passed its several readings, and was ordered to be sent as amended to the Senate.

Resolution in favor of B. Lecraft.

Resolution to pay expenses incurred by private citizens on account of troops.

The House then took a recess until 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House re-assembled at 4 o'clock.

A message was received from the Senate, stating that that body had concurred in the House amendments to the bill allowing volunteers to vote for delegates to the Convention.

Also, a bill equalizing rank of officers in the first regiment of N. C. Volunteers, with an amendment extending the provisions of the bill to all regiments of volunteers in the State. The amendment was concurred in.

Also, bill to establish telegraphic lines in this State. Read first, second and third times, passed and ordered to be enrolled.

Also, resolution in favor of Col. B. Lecraft. Passed several readings and ordered to be enrolled.

Also, resolution to pay expenses incurred by the people in raising troops. Laid on the table.

Also, a bill to provide against the sacrifice of property, and stay proceedings in certain cases. Read first, second and third times, passed and was ordered to be engrossed. [We published the bill as passed on Saturday.]

Mr. Marsh introduced a resolution to have printed in the papers of the city certain laws. Adopted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SENATE.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 10, 1861.

Sundry reports were received from Standing Committees.

BILLS, ETC., INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Brown, a bill to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of North-Carolina.

By Mr. Barringer, a resolution to authorize the Comptroller to employ a clerk, with an annual salary of $700. Placed on the Calendar.

By Mr. Eure, a bill to make valid certain illegal proceedings of courts in this State, and for other purposes. Placed on the Calendar.

By Mr. Bledsoe, a resolution in favor of John C. Palmer. Placed on the Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Eure, the bill introduced by himself *ut supra* was taken up and under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings and was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Pitchford, the bill offered by the Committee on Ways and Means *ut supra*, was taken up, under a suspension of the rules, and put upon its several readings, passed and was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Avery moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and moved to lay that motion on the table. Agreed to.

Received a message from the House, announcing its concurrence in the amendments of the Senate to the bill to authorize the county courts to lay taxes for the support of volunteers and police forces.

Also, stating that that body had refused to recede from their amendments to the Senate amendments to the resolution providing for the printing of Colonial records, &c.

Also, a message transmitting the Senate bill to provide against the sacrifice of property, &c., with an amendment as a substitute to the same.

The amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Outlaw moved to recousider the vote by which the stay law passed, and then moved to lay that motion on the table. Adopted.

A message was received from the House, stating that that body had concurred in the House amendment to the resolution authorizing the Governor to commission those officers who have or may resign their commissions in the U. S. army or navy.

Also, a message transmitting resolutions for the relief of the Committees of Safety of the towns of Newbern and Wilmington, announcing its passage in that body, and asking the concurrence of the Senate in the same.

Mr. Hall moved the rules be suspended and the resolution be put upon its several readings, and pending the vote on that motion, the Senate took a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion to suspend the rules to put upon its several readings the resolution for the relief of the Committees of Safety of the town of Newbern and Wilmington. The rules were suspended and the resolutions read the second time.

Pending its consideration, a message was received from the House of Commons concurring in Senate proposition to raise a Committee of Conference on the resolution to print the Volunteers' Handbook

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Worth, Barringer and Morehead, Senate branch of said committee.

The question recurring on the passage of the resolution, its second reading, Mr. Avery offered a substitute, extending the provisions of the resolution to all sums expended for the support of troops, except such as has been expended by way of donation.—Adopted, and the resolution as amended, passed its second reading, and was read the third time.

Mr. Pitchford moved to strike out the proviso (which provides for the non-payment of donors) Adopted, and the resolution passed its third reading as amended.

Mr. Stowe introduced a bill to amend the act establishing the county of Mitchell, passed at the late session of the General Assembly. Passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Simpson, a bill to authorize subscriptions to the Greensboro' and Leaksville Railroad. Passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules and ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution authorizing the Comptroller to employ a clerk with an annual salary of $700, was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Lane offered an amendment providing to raise the salary of Comptroller to $1,50, and fixing the salary of the Clerk at $600. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Turner, the resolution was laid on the table.

The bill to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of North-Carolina, in order to extend the time to enable the bank to close its concerns, was taken up, passed its several readings and was ordered to be engrossed

A bill to repeal an act passed at the session of 1860–'61, entitled an act to appoint a tax collector for Orange and other counties. Read first time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, May, 10th 1861.

A message was received from the Senate stating that that body had refused to concur in the House amendment to the bill establishing a military board, by striking out 1,000 and inserting 500, whereupon, the House receded from its amendment.

The bill gave the clerk of the military board a salary of $1,000. The House proposed to amend by substituting $500.

Also, Resolution authorizing the Governor to commission officers who have resigned their commissions in the U. S. army with a substitute. Adopted.

The substitute proposes giving officers of this State who have, or may resign their commissions in the U. S. army, the same rank and pay in the army and navy of N. C., as the same officers have in the army of the Confederate States

Also, a message stating that the Senate had refused to concur in the House amendment to the bill providing for the printing of the volunteers Hand-book, which was to strike out 20,000 and insert 5,000. The House refused to recede.

BILLS, ETC., INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Person, an act to repeal an act passed at the late session of the General Assembly appointing tax collectors for certain counties. Passed its several readings, engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Clark of Craven, a resolution in favor of the Committee of Safety of Newbern amended so as to include the town of Wilmington. Passed its several readings, and ordered to be enrolled.

By Mr. Mendenhall, resolution to authorize a settlement with the agent for Cherokee bonds. Passed its several readings, engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Fogg, a resolution to purchase the arms of the Hillsboro' Institution. Rejected.

By Mr Davis of Mecklenburg, a resolution to establish Mills for the Manufacture of Gun-powder, &c. Read first time and passed.

By Mr. Autry, resolution requiring the public printer to print ten copies of the military bills passed at this session of the General Assembly, for the use of the members of the General Assembly. Passed its several readings, ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Foy, a resolution instructing the public treasurer not to issue any State bonds in sale or exchange for any incorporated company until otherwise directed. Passed its several readings, with a proviso that the resolution shall not be construed to refer to appropriations heretofore made, excepting for the Fayetteville and Western Rail Road, to Egypt on Deep river.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting a resolution concerning post offices and post roads. Passed its several readings

Also, a message transmitting the bill to authorize County Courts to lay taxes, with a substitute to the same entitled "a bill to authorize the County Courts and the Mayor and Commissioners of towns and cities to lay taxes for the support of police forces, in which the concurrence of the House was asked. The House concurred, and the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Rogers, a bill to repeal sections 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 of chapter 107, of the Revised Code, entitled Slaves and Free Negroes. Passed its several readings, ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The bill provides that slaves that have been emancipated by will and not sent out of the State as required by law, shall be reduced to slavery, and that no slave shall be set free except by act of the General Assembly.

Mr. Polk, a bill to preserve domestic tranquility and regulate the internal police of the State. Passed its first reading.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Bill to regulate the pay of volunteers now in the service of the State. Passed several readings.

The bill fixes the pay of volunteers at $16 per month.

The following bills, etc., were read and laid on the table:

Bill to alter the rules of pleading in the State, &c.

Resolution on federal relations.

Resolution abolishing the office of Geologist.

Bill to establish a council of war.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to assume the charge of the telegraph office in this city.

Bill to provide for executive assistance.

Bill for the relief of the people

Resolution concerning State bonds.

Bill to define and punish treason against the State of North-Carolina. Passed its several readings and ordered to be enrolled.

The House then took a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 10th, 1861.

Mr Gorrell offered his protest against the bill ceding five miles square to the Confederate States Congress for a seat of government, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

A message from the House stating that the Senate had concurred in the House amendments to the stay law, and it was ordered to be enrolled.

Also, transmitting a bill to make valid certain irregular proceedings of County Courts of this State, and for other purposes. Passed its several readings and was ordered to be enrolled.

The Reading of the Calendar was resumed and a Resolution concerning the public debt was read and tabled.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, ETC.

By Mr. Williams of Pasquotank, bill to increase the corporate powers of the town of Elizabeth city. Rejected.

By Mr. Woodard, a bill to attach the militia of Edgecomb to the 21st regiment. Laid on the table for the present.

By Mr. Fleming a resolution concerning the office of Adjutant-General. Referred to the Committee on Military affairs.

A message was received from the Senate stating the appointment of certain persons Senate branch of the Committee of Conference on the resolution to print volunteers' hand book.

BILLS, ETC., ON SECOND READING.

Bill to provide for the public defence &c. Laid on the table.

Resolution to pay census takers who have not been paid. Laid on the table.

Bill to amend the charter of the Hillsborough Savings Institution. Indefinately postponed.

Bill concerning the rank of N. C. volunteer officers. Laid on the table.

Bill to amend the charter of the Miners and Planters' Bank. Withdrawn.

Resolution concerning Convention of the 20th of May. Postponed until the 20th of May.

The resolution authorizing the printing of certain laws, read and laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, stating that that body had concurred in the House resolution in favor of the Committee of Safety of the towns of Newbern and Wilmington, with an amendment extending the provisions of the resolution to all sums expended for the support of troops.

Pending this consideration the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, May 11, 1861.

Mr. Ramsay introduced a resolution concerning the binding of journals of the last and present session of the General Assembly. Passed first reading and placed on calendar.

Mr. Lane introduced a resolution to increase the salary of the Comptroller to $1,500. Read first time, passed and placed on Calendar.

Mr. Avery introduced a bill relating to the payment of interest on State bonds. Passed its several readings and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from the House transmitting a bill to provide for the organization of military departments.

The bill concerning the organization of the military departments was read first time and passed, and under suspension of the rules was put upon its second and third readings.

Pending its consideration, on motion the Senate took a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the organization of the military departments, &c., which with an amendment striking out $800, and inserting $500, and another giving a messenger to each department passed its several readings, and was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Sundry resolutions and bills from the House were taken up and read the first time, as follows:

Resolution to raise the salary of Comptroller. Laid on the table.

Resolutions concerning the printing of the journals of the Legislature. Laid on the table.

Resolutions authorizing a settlement of Cherokee bonds. Read second and third times, amended, and sent to the House, asking their concurrence in said amendment.

Resolution authorizing the printing of the militia laws. Laid on the table.

Received a message from the House, transmitting a bill entitled Militia with amendments and asking the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

Pending reading of the bill, the Senate on motion, took a recess until 8 o'clock to-night.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

SATURDAY, May 11, 1861,

Mr. Marsh introduced a bill to provide for the time when volunteers shall be paid.

Passed its several readings, ordered to be enrolled and sent to the Senate.

The bill provides for the payment of volunteers immediately upon being tendered, accepted and enrolled, whether they are immediately upon such enrollment mustered into service or not, and for the refunding of all moneys expended for organizing and transporting said volunteers, with a proviso offered by Mr. Peebles, excepting contributions made by others not volunteers.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting a bill to provide ways and means for the public defence, announcing its passage by that body and asking the concurrence of the House therein. The bill passed as it came from the Senate.

The bill appropriates $5,000,000 to meet the expenses of the present crisis, by the issuing of treasury notes upon the faith and credit of the State of the denominations of five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents and upwards.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting a resolution that the two Houses vote at 2 o'clock P. M., by a joint ballot on a proposition to adjourn at 6 A. M. Monday morning until the 25th day of June, 1861. Adopted.

Messages were received from the Senate, transmitting the following bills, etc., announcing their passage in that body, and asking the concurrence of the House therein.

House bill to provide for the time when volunteers shall receive their pay.

Bill authorizing subscriptions to the Greensboro' and Leaksville Railroad Companies. Laid on the table.

Sundry reports were received from the standing Committees.

Mr. Person, from the Committee on Military Affairs, introduced a bill to provide for the organization of Military Departments, and for other purposes Passed its several readings and ordered to be sent to the Senate, without engrossment.

A resolution concerning the collectors of various seaports, which was read yesterday, was taken up, passed its several readings and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill requires all custom house officers, postmasters, and others, late acting under the authority of the U. S. Government, to transmit to the public treasurer all surplus funds in their hands, and provides for paying costs of all suits, &c., instituted for such forfeiture of their bonds to the U. S. Government.

Mr. Rogers called up the militia bill. The bill was read first time, and pending its consideration, the special order for 2 o'clock intervened, viz: The proposition to adjourn Monday morning at 6 A. M.

Pending the counting of the vote, the House took a recess until 3½ oclock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

AFTERNOON SESSION, May 11, 1861.

The House resumed the consideration of the Militia bill, and it passed its several readings and was sent to the Senate without being enrolled.

Received a message from the Senate, transmitting the bill to organize the Military Departments with amendments Concurred in.

Also, a bill to establish a new county by the name of Mitchell. Passed its several readings and was ordered to be sent to the Committee on Enrolled bills without being enrolled.

Also, bill relating to the payment of interest on State bonds.

Also bill authorizing a settlement with the agent of Cherokee bonds.

Mr. Rogers offered a resolution authorizing the Governor to offer a bounty of $500, to the person inventing and tendering to him the best machine for making percussion caps. Laid on the table.

The House then adjourned until 4½ oclock Monday morning.

SENATE.

MONDAY, May 13, 1861.

The Senate assembled at 5½ o'clock.

In consideration of the shortness of time before the hour designated for adjournment, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

A message was received from the House of Commons, transmitting the following enrolled bills and resolutions, and asking the concurrence of the Senate therein, as follows:

Resolutions in favor of John C. Palmer.

Resolution authorizing a settlement with the agent for Cherokee bonds.

Resolution in favor of H. J. Brown and others.

An act to repeal an act appointing tax collectors for certain counties.

Resolution in favor of W. H. and R. S. Tucker.

An act to provide ways and means for the public defence.

An act providing time when volunteers shall receive pay for their services.

An act to organize military departments, and for other purposes.

An act to extend the charter of the Bank of the State of North-Carolina, for certain purposes.

An act to amend an act establishing a new county by the name of Mitchell.

Resolution in favor of the doorkeepers.

All of which were concurred in by the Senate and signed by the Speaker.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Speaker declared the Senate adjourned until the 25th day of June, A. D., 1861.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, May 13, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on enrolled bills reported a number of bills, which were signed, and sent to the Senate for the signature of the Speaker of that body.

Mr. Waugh introduced a resolution in favor of the doorkeepers which passed its several readings and was sent to the Senate.

The same was afterwards reported back by the committee on enrolled bills, and signed by the Speaker.

The House then adjourned to assemble again on the 25th of June, 1861, A. D.

The reporter takes this opportunity of returning his thanks to the officers and members of the General Assembly for the courtesy and kindness extended to him by them, and his grateful appreciation of the willingness at all times evinced by them in giving him information.

An Act to Provide for the Public Defence.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is her by enacted by the authority of the same,* That in order to provide, speedily, forces to repel invasion, and aid the Confederate States of America in maintaining the rightful possession of every portion of territory belonging to each Southern State, and to secure the public tranquility and independence against threatened assaults, his excellency, the Governor, by the advice of the military board, be and is hereby authorized to employ the militia, military and naval forces of this State, and to ask for and accept the services of twenty thousand volunteers who may offer their services, either as cavalry, mounted riflemen, artillery or infantry, in such proportions of these several arms as he may deem expedient to serve for twelve months or sooner discharged with power on the part of the Governor to increase said volunteer force to the number of fifty thousand if the public exigencies demand it.

Sec. 2d. That the Governor shall arm, clothe and equip said volunteers, except as to mounted men, who mustered into service, and each mounted volunteer shall furnish his own horse and equipments.

Sec. 3rd. That said volunteers, shall, when called into actual service, and while remaining therein, be subject to the rules and articles of war of the Confederate States of America, and instead of clothing, every non commissioned officer or private in any company shall be entitled when called into actual service, in money to a sum equal to the cost of clothing of a non-commissioned officer or private in the regular army of the Confederate States of America, in case said non-commissioned officers or privates shall furnish their own clothing.

Sec. 4th. That the said volunteers so offering their services, may be accepted by the Governor by the advice of the Military Board, in companies, squadrons battalions or regiments, and the several companies and troops are hereby authorized to elect their own officers, who, when elected, shall be commissioned by the Governor.

Sec. 5th. That the Governor, with the advice of the Military Board, is hereby authorized to organize companies so tendering their services, into battalions or squadrons, battalions or squadrons into regiments, and regiments, into brigades, and brigade sinto divisions, whenever in his judgment such organization may be expedient; and whenever brigades or divisions, as well as regiments shall be organized, the Governor, by and with the advice of the Military Board, shall appoint the commanding officers for such brigades and divisions in the manner hereinafter directed, who shall hold their offices only while such brigades and divisions are in service; and such officers so appointed shall have power to appoint staff officers of like number and like rank as officers of the same rank in the regular army of the Confederate States of America are empowered to appoint.

Sec. 6th. That whenever said volunteers are called and received into service, under the provisions of this act, they shall have the same organization, and shall have the same pay and allowances as may be provided for the regular army of the Confederate States of America; and all mounted non-commissioned officers, privates, musicians and artificers shall be allowed forty cents per day for the use and risk of their horses; for horses killed in action, or dying in actual service, volunteers shall be allowed compensation according to their appraised value at the date of muster into service, and the Governor shall have such appraisement made.

Sec. 7th. That the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Military Board, shall appoint a major-general for each division of said corps of volunteers, and a brigadier-general for each brigade, and the commissioned company officers of each regiment shall elect a colonel, lieutenant-colonel and major for such regiment.

Sec. 8th. That whenever said volunteers shall be called into service in such numbers that the officers of the quartermaster, commissary and medical department are not sufficient to provide for the supplying quartering, transporting and furnishing them with the requisite medical attendance, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint as many additional officers of said departments, as in his judgment the public service may require, with such rank as like officers hold in the regular army of the Confederate States of America, and with like pay and allowances, and the Governor is hereby required to exact of the public officers who are subordinate to him in the military department such bonds with good surefies for the faithful performance of their duties, as in his judgment the public safety may require him to demand.

Sec. 9 That the Governor may prescribe rules for the government and drilling of said volunteers, and have printed and distributed such works and treatises on military sciences as he may deem expedient—the expenses of such printing and distributing to be paid out of the public treasury.

Sec. 10. That the Governor shall have power to muster said companies, squadrons, battalions, regiments or divisions, into service at any point in the State, where he may designate, and to form encampments of the same at such places as he may deem expedient; and he is further authorized to tender the services of said volunteer force, or any part thereof, to the Confederate States of America, and have them mustered into the service of said Confederate States of America, or any one of the slaveholding States.

Sec. 11. That said volunteers, both officers and privates, shall be entitled to the same pay, and allowances and emoluments as are allowed to the officers and privates in the regular army of the Confederate States of America.

Sec. 12. That each company organized under this act shall consist of not less than sixty-four privates, nor more than one hundred, unless the Governor shall otherwise direct, and each company shall be officered by one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, and one third lieutenant, who shall rank as brevet second lieutenant, to be elected by the vote of the company, and commissioned by the Governor, and four sergeants, and four coporals to be appointed by the respective captains.

Sec. 13. That in the distribution of the arms of the State to the volunteer corps, the Governor may at his discretion, require a bond payable to the State of North-Carolina with sufficient security from the captain of each company to whom such arms shall be distributed for the safe keeping and return of the same.

Sec. 14. That the Governor shall have power to appoint such drill masters for companies, squadrons, battalions or regiments with such rank as he may assign them, as in his opinion the safety and defence of the State may require.

Sec. 15. That the Governor may fix and designate the uniform of the several companies, and in default of such designation by the Governor, each company may determine upon its own uniform.

Sec. 16. That all laws and clauses of laws which are in conflict with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed

Sec. 17. That each volunteer shall be entitled to and receive on the day he is mustered in the service, a bounty of ten dollars, to be paid out of the public treasury.

Sec. 18. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

An Act to create a Military Board.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That there shall be a military board to consist of three persons, one of whom, at least, shall be skilled in military affairs. Said board shall be appointed by the Governor, and continue in office during his term of service, or until removed by him, whose duty it shall be to advise with the Governor relative to the appointment of all military and naval officers, or such other matters respecting naval and military affairs, as the General Assembly shall assign to such board.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That there shall be a principal officer therein who shall have the charge and custody of all the records, books, papers, and accounts appertaining to said board and shall execute and perform all such duties as shall from time to time be entrusted to him by the Governor relative to military and naval affairs. He shall keep a record of the transactions in his office and have supervision of all accounts and returns of Adjutant-General, Inspector-General, Quartermaster-General, Commissary-General and Surgeon-General, or other military officers as may be directed by the Governor.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said officers shall be ex-officio, chief aid of the Governor, with the rank and pay of a colonel in the army of the Confederate States of America, and be entitled the Military Secretary of the Executive Department, and shall have a clerk to be appointed by him, who shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the Governor shall have power to convene said board from time to time, and whenever he may deem proper, and shall have power to fill all such vacancies as may occur in said board by death, resignation or otherwise.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the members of said board, other than the principal officer, shall receive three dollars per day for each day they are actually engaged in the service of the State, and the same mileage as is now allowed members of the General Assembly.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

[For the State Journal.

Catawba County.

Pursuant to previous notice, a large and enthusiastic meeting of Southern Rights men of Catawba, was held in the Court House in Newton, on Saturday, 27th of April, 1861.

The meeting was organized by calling to the Chair Henderson Sherrill, Esq., and appointing Col. W. L. Mehaffy and Col. G. M. Yoder, to act as Secretaries.

Henderson Sherrill, on taking the Chair, explained the object of the meeting in a few, but very appropriate remarks, notifying the citizens that the meeting was called for the special purpose to make proper arrangements for the Catawba volunteers, and to raise funds for their equipage and their support, until the Legislature would appropriate some means for their support.

Dr. Payne was loudly called for, who come forward and addressed the meeting in a few remarks, and was followed by J. H. Rowe, Esq., calling upon the citizens to volunteer to defend the rights of Southern institutions.

On motion of Capt. R. Yoder, a Committee of Vigilance was appointed in each Captain's Beat, which was adopted.

Capt. Bandy's Company, Peter Mull, Jr., Capt. Bandy, Ezra Mull, Jas. Rhoney and Max. Johnson.

Capt. Link's Company, Jacob Mosteller, Reuben Yoder, Jacob J. Sigmon, J. H. Shuford and John Ward.

Capt. Whitners' Company, Maj. Bost, W. P. Reinhardt, E. P. Coulter, Daniel Miller and Cyrus Yoder.

Whisenhunt's Company, W. Turner, E. M. Linker, John Kent, Joel Miller and Dr. Lindsay.

Ikard's Company, J. H. Rowe, Eli Sigmon, Josh. Little, P. J. Herman and Col. Robards.

Carpenter's Company, Logan Dellinger, George Moser, Jacob Lents, Frederick Smith, and E. E. Deal

Capt. Sitzer' Company, E. Conner, Cony Lorance, J. E. Robinson, Daniel C. Cocharan and Logan Wilson.

Capt. Douglas' Company: Sydney Bridges, Daniel Moore, Levi Shuford, Pinckney Shuford, and Alex Rowe.

Capt. Gabriels Company: J. W. Gabriel, A. Cornelius D. R. Whitener G. W. Consler, Robt. Smith.

Capt. Wilson's Company: Col. Forney, L. B. Higgby, Henry Cline, I. D. Caldwell, and M. M. Cline.

Newton Company: C. W. Hunter, Col. Mehaffy, M. M. Hoit, Henry Herman, Moses Herman, A. T. Best, George Sitzer (Clerk), D. B. Guthrie, F. L. Herman, Lawson Foy, and D. W. Royster.

On motion of Col. Forney, that this Committee shall have power to take into custody all persons that utter any words in favor of Lincoln, and deal with them as the nature of the case may require; which motion was adopted.

A motion was adopted that the Justices in said county should meet in the town of Newton on Tuesday, 30th of April, for the purpose of laying a tax to defray the expenses of the Catawba Volunteers, or vouch for their expenditures until the Legislature appropriate some means.

A motion was made to take up a public subscription for the benefit of the volunteers, which prevailed. There were about $250 raised in a very short time.

Ten men have agreed to go into bond of $3,000, to defray the expenses of the volunteers from Catawba, if needed.

On motion, it was requested that the Secretaries send a copy of the proceedings of this meeting to the office of the State Journal, with the request to publish the same, and other Southern Rights papers will please copy.

HENDERSON SHERRILL, Ch'n.

Col. W. L. MEHAFFY, Col. G. M. YODER, } Secretaries.

We Catawbians are yet tainted with that bravery that our forefathers were when they rose in arms against Great Britain to throw off that tyrannic yoke which that nation had imposed upon them. We are determined that Old Abe shall not sway his sceptre of infernal, accursed and diabolical coercion over us; and may God grant us the victory. We are fully determined to stand up for our Southern rights and Southern principles, that the immortal Washington fought for, and bequeathed unto us as his posterity. We are a unit, and are determined, by the blessing of God, to fight for that principle that the once United States Constitution guaranteed unto us. North Carolina is behind the time in seceding; but, Sir, if old Abe attempts to march over her soil he will have a hard road to travel.—He will find some punk about us Catawbians.

[For the State Journal.]

The Arms of the Hillsboro' Military Institute.

May 10th, 1861.

JOHN SELMAN, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—Having seen in the report of legislative proceedings that the Senate resolution concerning the arms of the Hillsboro' Military Academy was again brought before the House after being rejected at the late session, I ask leave to make a statement through your columns.

While appreciating highly the friendly interest of the gentlemen who advocated the resolution, it is proper to say that if I had known their desire to introduce it again, I would not have consented that under present circumstances any action should be taken in the matter.

Very respectfully, yours,

C. C. TEW,

Supt. H. M. A.

N. C. SIX PER CENT. STATE

TREASURY DEPT., April 16

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 10 o'clock, A. M., 18th May, for the purchase of $220,000 of N. C. State Company Bonds on account of Western North-Carolina Rail-road, $20,000 of Bonds issued on account of Cape Fear River Navigation Company, all dated April 1st, running thirty years.

The above Bonds will have Coupons for six per cent. per annum attached, payable 1st April and 1st October in each year.

The principal and interest will be payable in the City of the Republic, New York, unless where the parties have them payable at the Treasury of the State.

Successful bidders, upon being informed of the acceptance of their bids, can deposit the amount of their bids, including the accrued interest, to the credit of the Treasurer designated in the Bank aforesaid, or in the Bank of North-Carolina or Bank of Cape Fear, Raleigh.

Parties bidding will please address their bids "Proposals for N. C. Stocks" to the undersigned, Raleigh, N. C.

The bids will be opened in the presence of the Secretary and Comptroller of State, and the President of the Bank of North-Carolina.

D. W. COLEMAN, Public Treasurer.

UNIVERSITY.

The Examination of the Students of the University of North Carolina, will begin on the 27th of May, inst., and continue until the College Commencement, Thursday, the 6th of June.

The Committee of Visitation for the year 1861 are:

His Excellency, JOHN W. ELLIS, Gov. of the State, and ex-officio President of the Board.

Hon. DAVID L. SWAIN, LL. D., President of the University.

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JOHN R. J. DANIEL,
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CALVIN GRAVES,
CHARLES L. HINTON,
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LEWIS THOMPSON,
JOHN C. WILLIAMS,
PATRICK H. WINSTON.

All other Trustees of the University who may will be considered members of this Committee.

CHARLES MANLY, Sec.

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HILLSBOROUGH MILITARY ACADEMY

THIS INSTITUTION is under the control of Col. C. C. Tew, formerly Superintendent of the Military Academy at Columbia, S. C. It is designed to afford an education of the same scientific and practical character as that obtained in the State Military Institutions of Virginia and South-Carolina.

COURSE OF STUDY:

First Year, 5th Class—Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography, History United States, English Grammar, Geography.

Second Year, 4th Class—Algebra, Geometry, Etymology, French, Latin, Universal History, Composition.

Third Year, 3d Class—Descriptive Geometry, Shadows and Perspective, Analytical Geometry, French, Latin, Rhetoric, History of Literature, Drawing, Elocution.

Fourth Year, 2nd Class—Diff. and Int. Calculus, Philosophy, Chemistry, Rhetoric, Logic, Mineralogy, Latin, Drawing, Elocution.

Fifth Year, 1st Class—Agricultural Chemistry, Geology, Mineralogy, Civil Engineering, Fortification, Ethics, Political Economy, Evidences of Christianity, Constitution of the United States.

Infantry and Artillery Drill will form a feature in the whole course.

ACADEMIC YEAR—BARRACKS.

The Academic year will commence on the first Monday in February, (Feb. 6, 1861,) and continue without intermission, to the fourth Wednesday in November. Barracks are arranged with special reference to the necessities of a Military Academy. The main building is 175 feet long and three stories high; another building 100 feet long, contains the mess hall, kitchen, store room, office and hospital.

TERMS:

The charges for the academic year are $315, for which the academy provides board, tuition, lights, washing, text books, medical attendance and clothing.

For circulars containing full information address

COL. C. C. TEW, Supt. H. M. A.

April 10, 1861.

SALE OF LAND.

North-Carolina, Wake county. } Court of Equity, Spring Term, 1861.

ARTHUR MACON, vs. GEORGE LITTLE and others.

PURSUANT to a decree, made at Spring Term, A. D., 1861, of the Court of Equity, for Wake, in the above case of "Arthur Macon, George Little and others," the undersigned, Clerk and Master of said county, will proceed to sell the land, in the pleadings mentioned and described on the 25th day of May, 1861, being Saturday of Court week, at the Court House in the City of Raleigh, commencing at 12 o'clock.

Said tract of land is one of four tracts, belonging to the Plaintiff and heirs-at-law of Stephen Haywood, dec'd—the other three tracts having been heretofore sold for division—and contains about 320 acres. Said land is about 6 miles north of Raleigh, adjoins the lands of Anderson Page and others, is located in a healthy part of the county, and is in a good neighborhood.

TERMS OF SALE:

Fifty dollars of the purchase money will be required to be paid in cash; and a credit of six months will be given the purchaser for the payment of the balance of the purchase money, by his entering into bond with approved security for the same.

April 15, 1861. R. G. LEWIS, C. M. E.

COMMITTED to jail in the town of Salisbury, Rowan county, by Caroline Kistler, a negro woman who she is a runway, and belongs to Jesse Kistler, and says his name is Frank. This boy is about twenty or two years old, about six feet high, of rather a light color, had on brown woolen clothes, badly torn, supposed to be a boy of good quality, and a number one negro. The owner will come for him, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with according to law.

W. A. WALTON, Sheriff of Rowan county.

May 4, 1861.

Partner Wanted.

WISHING to devote my time exclusively to the mechanical department of the paper, I am anxious to dispose of one-half of my interest in the HILLSBOROUGH PLAINDEALER, to some one willing and competent to take the entire editorial control. The paper is now doing a good business, and its circulation is rapidly increasing. I consider it an excellent opportunity for an ambitious of winning editorial honors.

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RATTLE, SLAM AND BANG—HERE I COME WITH A RUSH.

J. C. S. LUMSDEN would most respectfully inform the citizens of Raleigh and vicinity that he is prep