

Received from the senate a bill for dividing the county of Caswell, endorsed, read the first time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Friday, November 5.

The house met according to adjournment.

Resolved, that all persons having public claims, may present them to the committee of claims, directly without any previous application to either of the houses, and the committee shall receive and pass upon the same in the same manner as if the houses had specially referred them.

Mr. Hay presented a petition from Thomas Overton and Richard Street, praying for a law for keeping Deep river open for a free passage of fish up the same—which petition being read, Mr. Hay presented a bill agreeable to the prayer of the petition.

The committee appointed to consider and report what bills of a public nature are necessary to be passed into laws—reported—

A bill for the better regulation of the courts of law and the courts of equity.

A bill for the more speedy determination of disputed elections for members of the general assembly.

A bill to compel the wardens of the poor in the different counties, to account with the courts of their respective counties for all monies by them received for the purpose of supporting the poor.

A bill to amend the act for the inspection of tobacco.

A bill to alter the mode of administering oaths to jurors in county courts.

A bill to repeal an act providing means for the payment of the domestic debt, and to amend an act for opening the land office for the redemption of specie and other certificates.

A bill to prevent all persons holding offices under the federal government from being eligible to a seat either in the general assembly of this state, or holding any office either executive, judicial, or otherwise under the appointment of the state.

A bill to amend the law relative to attachments.

A bill for regulating the judges of the county courts.

A bill to incorporate the physicians in this state.

A bill to amend the several acts therein mentioned respecting slaves.

A bill for the better regulating of taverns.

A bill to amend the stray act.

A bill directing the manner of electing representatives in Congress for this state.

A bill for the more speedy collection of rents.

A bill to alter the mode of punishing horse stealing.

A bill to repeal the present vendue law.

A bill to alter and amend the act for the benefit of insolvent debtors.

Resolved, that the committee on public bills divide themselves into sub committees, and to allot each sub committee the drawing of such bills as they may agree upon.

The house adjourned.

Saturday, November 6.

The house met according to adjournment.

The honourable speaker laid before the house a letter from John Haywood, esquire, public treasurer, inclosing certificates of his having fully and finally settled his accounts, as public treasurer, &c. with the comptroller of public accounts, which being read, were ordered to be sent to the senate.

The committee of privileges and elections, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Haslin, of the town of Newbern, reported, that having taken into consideration the prayer of the petitioner, are of opinion, that the election for the town of Newbern was legal, and that Mr. Guion, the setting member, is entitled to a seat in the present general assembly.

Resolved, that the house do concur with the report.

Received from the senate a bill to carry into effect a resolution of Congress passed the 29th of September, 1789, endorsed, read the second time and passed.

Mr. Alexander Mebane presented a bill for building a court-house in the town of Hillsborough, which was read the first time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for dividing Franklin county was endorsed, read the second time, and passed.

Monday, November 8.

The house met according to adjournment.

Mr. Person presented the petition of sundry of the inhabitants of Caswell county, against the division thereof, which being read—

A motion was made by Mr. Porter, and seconded by Mr. Jones, that the petitions, both for and against the division thereof, be referred to a joint committee to be appointed for that purpose, and that the committee report on the same.

Mr. person presented the petition of F. X. Martin, which was referred to the committee of finance and sent to the senate.

Mr. Person presented the petition of John Rainey, which being read was referred to the committee for correcting errors in patents and sent to the senate.

Mr. Hay presented the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Fayetteville, which being read, Mr. Hay moved for leave and presented a bill to make Cross-Creek navigable, which was read the first time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Tuesday, November 9.

The house met according to adjournment.

The bill for making Cross-Creek navigable was read a second time, amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate a bill to amend an act, entitled an act for altering the time of holding the annual elections and annual assemblies, and directing the manner of electing annual officers for the succeeding year, endorsed, read the first time, and passed. This bill was taken up and read for the first reading in this house, passed and returned to the senate.

Wednesday, November 10.

Mr. Macon moved for leave, and presented a bill for cutting a navigable canal from the waters of Pasquotank river in this state, to the waters of Elizabeth river in the state of Virginia, which was read the first time, passed and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate the following message.

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, We have received your message proposing to convene the two houses on Monday next, in conference, in order to take into consideration the internal police of this state, and its interests as connected with the United States, with which we do not concur.

On motion made by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Macon :

Resolved, that this house form itself into a committee of the whole house on Monday next, to take into consideration the propriety of giving instructions to Samuel Johnston and Benjamin Harbins, esquires, senators from this state in the Congress of the United States, on the following points :

First—To use their unremitting and constant exertions until they effect having the doors of the senate of the United States kept open, that the public may have access to hear the debates of the said