

its. With grateful hearts we return thanks to the great disposer of events for this beneficent mark of his attention in preserving you. May it long be shown in continuing you among us, and when the awful day comes which is to separate you from us, may you receive the reward of those virtues which he only can bestow.

ALEXANDER MARTIN.

WYATT HAWKINS, President.

Done in council unanimously, at the Rockingham Springs, June 26, 1790.

By order,

THOMAS HENDERSON, C. C.

To the above the President returned the following answer:

To the Governor and Council of the State of North-Carolina.

Gentlemen,

I ENTREAT you to be persuaded that nothing could have been more agreeable to me, than the proofs contained in your affectionate address of the friendly sentiments entertained by you for my person, as well as for the government which I have been appointed by my countrymen to administer. And I reciprocate, with heartfelt satisfaction, your congratulations on the completion of the union of all the states: an event, in my judgment, pregnant with more salutary consequences, that can easily be expressed or conceived.

It will ever be my first wish and most strenuous endeavour, to justify, so far as may be in my power, the confidence which my fellow-citizens have thought proper to repose in me, by exerting every power vested in the President of the United States by the constitution, for the happiness and prosperity of our country; and by giving efficacy to such a system as will ensure the general welfare, and conciliate the public mind.

I desire, gentlemen, to make acceptable to you my acknowledgements for the kind concern you take in the restoration of my health and preservation of my life; and in the retribution I may receive after the conclusion of this mortal existence. May you, and the state in whose government you have the principal agency, be also the peculiar care of divine providence.

G. WASHINGTON.

United States, August 26, 1790.

PROCEEDINGS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HOUSE of COMMONS,

Friday, November 12

RECEIVED from the senate a bill to prevent any person who now does, or who may hereafter, hold any office, appointment, or authority under the federal government, from being eligible to a seat in the general assembly of this state, endorsed, read the first time and passed.

Received from his excellency the governor a message, with the resignations of Wyatt Hawkins, James Taylor, and Jesse Franklin, esquires, as members of the council of this state.

Saturday, November 13.

Mr. Caldwell presented the resignation of George Davidson, lieutenant-colonel of Iredell county, which was read, accepted, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Jones presented a bill to incorporate the tradesmen and manufacturers of the towns of Edenton, Newbern, Halifax and Wilmington, which was read the first time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Received from his excellency the governor a message, accompanied with a letter from the honourable doctor Williamson, one of the agents for settling the accounts of this state with the commissioners of Congress—referred to a committee of both houses.

Received from the senate a bill to prevent horse racing at such time and place as the general assembly shall hold their session, which was read the first time and rejected.

Received from the senate the following message:

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen,

We propose that the bill to make Cross-Creek navigable, together with the petition of Mark Russel on that subject, be reported upon by a joint committee of both houses, which was read and agreed to.

Ordered, that the following message be sent to the senate.

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen,

We propose that the letter from the treasurer, and its enclosures, on the subject of issuing final settlement certificates, be referred to the committee of finance.

Mr. Mebane moved for leave and presented a bill for the division of Dobbs county—referred to the committee for the division of Caswell county.

Monday, November 15.

Mr. Macon moved for leave to bring in a bill to carry into effect the ordinance

of the convention held at Hillsborough, in 1788, entitled, an ordinance for establishing a place for holding the future meetings of the general assembly.

Ordered, that he have leave accordingly.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of the inhabitants of Burke and Rutherford counties, praying that a county be erected agreeably to their petition—Whereupon Mr. McDowell moved for leave and presented a bill for forming the western parts of Burke and Rutherford counties into a separate and distinct county.

Mr. Hay moved for leave and presented a bill to amend an act, entitled, an act for establishing courts of law, and for regulating proceedings therein, and another act, entitled, an act for giving an equity jurisdiction to the superior courts—read the first time and passed.

The bill to alter and amend the acts for regulating the pilotage, and facilitating the navigation of Cape-Fear river, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The order of the day being called for and read—Resolved, that this house resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to take under consideration the propriety of giving instructions to Samuel Johnston and Benjamin Hawkins, esquires, senators from this state in Congress—Mr. Polk in the chair. After some time spent in committee, the speaker resumed the chair, and the chairman reported that the committee had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on Thursday next, which was agreed to.

State of North-Carolina, fl.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Alexander Martin, esquire, Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief in and over the said state.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS frequent and atrocious robberies have been, and are daily committed in various parts of this state: and whereas Seth Colter and John Abbot are supposed to be the leaders of a gang of villains now infesting the neighbourhood of Fayetteville and the adjacent counties—In order that the said offenders be brought to justice

I have thought proper to issue this my proclamation, and in pursuance of a resolution of the honourable general assembly, passed at their present session, do hereby offer a reward of fifty pounds, current money, for the apprehending each of the said Colter and Ab-