

Surry, which being read, Mr. Franklin moved for leave and presented a bill for annexing part of the county of Wilkes to the county of Surry, which was read the first time, and committed to the committee appointed to take under consideration the bill and petitions for and against the division of Caswell county.

Received from the senate a bill to alter and amend the act for regulating the pilotage, and facilitating the navigation of Cape-Fear river, endorsed, read the second time, and passed.

The bill to amend an act to prevent abuses in taking up stray horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, and other things therein mentioned, was read the third time, and laid over until the next general assembly.

The bill empowering the county courts of pleas and quarter sessions to direct the secretary of state to correct certain patents or grants therein described, where there have been errors made by the surveyor in making the returns, or by the secretary in issuing the same, was read the second time, amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate two resolutions—one directing any six members of the standing committee to proceed on business—the other directing the treasurer and comptroller to lay before the general assembly in the first week of their session, a list of the names of all persons indebted to the public, which being read, were concurred with and returned.

**Adjourned.**

**Wednesday, November 24.**

Mr. Gathier presented the resignation of Thomas Felps, a justice of the peace for Rowan county, which being read, was accepted and sent to the senate.

Mr. Anderson presented the resignation of Roger Griffith, as colonel of Chatham county, which being read, was accepted and sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a bill to amend and provide for the deficiencies of the revenue laws of this state, which was taken up and read for the first 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 further consideration the propriety of giving instructions to Samuel Johnston and Benjamin Hawkins, esquires, senators of this state in the Congress of the United States.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole accordingly.

Mr. Polk in the chair.

After some time spent in committee, the speaker resumed the chair, and the

chairman reported the following resolutions:

Whereas, when the general assembly of the state of North-Carolina, in its session of 1789, did nominate and appoint Samuel Johnston and Benjamin Hawkins, esquires, to represent the said state in the Senate of the United States, every expectation that had confidence in their integrity, opinion of their abilities, or certainty of their industry in discharging the trust reposed with them was entertained.

With regret do we add, that our constituents and ourselves too sensibly experience the evils arising from a want of that exertion in them, which, if duly made, could not have failed of being highly beneficial to this state, and might have rendered a government, adopted under many doubts, and with some difficulty, better adapted to the dispositions of freemen.

Resolved, that the senators representing this state in the Congress of the United States, be, and they are hereby directed to use their constant and unremitting 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 Senate, when in its legislative or judicial capacity.

Resolved, that when in Congress, they be directed to correspond regularly and constantly with the legislative; but during the recess thereof with the executive.

Resolved, that they have such of the journals as are not of a secret nature, printed, and transmit the same to the executive, at least once a month during the session of Congress.

Resolved, that the senators of this state use their utmost endeavours to effect economy in the expenditures of the public monies, and to decrease the monstrous salaries given to the public officers and others, who, however much they be deserving of the public gratitude, or liberality for past or present services, ought only to be compensated agreeable to republican economy—not enriched with the bounty of regal splendor.

Resolved, that they strenuously oppose every excise and direct taxation law, should any be attempted in Congress.

The committee of the whole house further report, that they have appointed a sub-committee, in order to take under their consideration any further instructions to be forwarded to the senators of this state in the Congress of the United States, and beg leave to recommend to the house, that the said sub committee be empowered to report to the house by

their chairman, the several resolutions they shall think the most proper to recommend, and further that they be discharged.

The sub-committee, Messrs. McDowell, Taylor, Jones, Mobane, Lynn, Carrus, Leigh, and Hay.

All which is submitted.

W. Polk, chairman.

Resolved, that this house do concur with the foregoing report of the committee of the whole house.

Ordered, that Mr. Person be added to the sub-committee appointed by the committee of the whole house.

Mr. Hay presented the memorial of the merchants and others of the town of Fayetteville, which being read, was referred to the sub-committee appointed by the committee of the whole house.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of sundry of the inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, which being read, was referred to the sub-committee appointed by the committee of the whole house.

**Thursday, November 25.**

Mr. Duke moved for leave and presented a bill to amend an act, entitled an act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable commodities, passed at Hillsborough in 1784, which was read the first time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to carry into effect the ordinance of the convention, held at Hillsborough, in July, 1788, entitled, an ordinance for establishing a place for holding the future meetings of the general assembly, and the place of residence of the chief officers of the state, was read the second time and amended—and the question being put, shall this bill pass? the house divided, and there were for the passage fifty-one—against it fifty-one—whereupon the speaker gave his own vote, and pronounced the passage of the bill.

The bill for altering the time of holding the annual meeting of the general assembly of this state, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal the fifth and sixth sections of an act passed at Hillsborough, in 1784, entitled, an act to amend an act, entitled, an act for the regulation of the town of Wilmington, was read the third time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On Thursday last, the bill for carrying into effect the ordinance of the convention, held at Hillsborough in 1788, for establishing a place for holding the future meetings of the general assembly,