

at Plymouth Sound, L'Experience, French King's brig, of 12 guns, Captain Vaneau, from Cherbourg, on a cruise of 11 days, having on board a very large party of French noblemen, on a nautical tour, who were not permitted to anchor, but ordered to sea again.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Saturday, December 4.

**T**HE bill to amend an act, entitled, an act to empower the county courts of pleas and quarter-sessions in the several counties in this state, to order the laying out of public roads, and to establish and settle ferries, and to appoint where bridges shall be built, and to clear inland rivers and creeks, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill to amend an act for regulating ordinaries, taverns, ferries, &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to amend the law relative to attachments, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to prevent married persons from marrying again, until their former husbands or wives be dead, was read the third time, passed and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate, the bill for building a court-house in the town of Wilmington, endorsed, read the second time and passed.

The bill for dividing Dobbs county, was read the second time, and rejected—the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Person, seconded by Mr. Macon, and were, yeas 26, nays 42.

The bill for the more easy recovery of rents, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill for renewing an act passed at Tarborough in December 1787, entitled, an act for fixing the final settlement of unliquidated claims against this state, was read the second time and negatived. The yeas and nays being called for, were

Yeas—Messrs. Wood, Lanier, Gautier, Stewart, Bell, Yancey, Hannah, H. Bryan, Caldwell, Mathews, Moore, Maclean, Cherry, Butler, Carrington, A. Mcbane, Reading, Gaither, Bailey, Brown, Robeson, Houser, Sanders, Nash, McKay, Grove, Spruill, Dowd, Hawkins.—29

Nays.—Messrs. Davison, Stone, Vance, Sawyer, Dickins, Leigh, J. Hill, Person, Alton, Montgomery, J. J. Irvin, Slade, Uffery, Spicer, Perry, Everain, Luck, Hewitt, Bostick, Franklin, Macon,

Pender, Guion, Fulford, Simpson, Turner, Chambers, McKennie.—34.

Mr. Grove moved for leave to bring in a bill for adding part of Robinson county to Cumberland county.

Ordered, that he have leave.

The bill for building a court-house in Wilmington, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Handy presented the resignation of Arthur Bryan, as colonel of Johnston county, which was accepted.

Monday, December 6.

Met according to adjournment.

The bill for subscribing to the loan, &c. of the United States, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate the following bills, viz.

The bill to amend an act, entitled, an act directing the manner of choosing representatives to represent this state in Congress.

A bill to amend an act, entitled, an act for establishing a militia in this state.

A bill to revive an act, passed in the year 1715, entitled, an act for preventing disputes concerning lands already surveyed, and to repeal the fifth section of the said act, endorsed, read first time and passed.

A bill to impose a certain fine on any person or persons taking a seat in the general assembly, who are disqualified by the constitution, &c.

A bill to amend an act, entitled an act to prevent the exportation of unmerchable commodities, passed at Hillsborough, in 1784, was read the third time, amended, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, an act to establish a department for adjusting and liquidating the public accounts of this state, and for appointing a comptroller, and other purposes, was read the second time, and rejected.

The bill for incorporating the physicians and surgeons of this state, by the name of the North Carolina medical society, was read the third time, and on motion by Mr. Leigh, was laid over till the next general assembly.

The bill to amend the act for establishing a militia, was read the first time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill to amend the act for regulating ordinaries, houses of entertainment, ferries, &c. was read the third time and rejected.

Tuesday, December 7.

Received from the senate, the bill directing in what manner the acts of the general assembly of this state shall be

printed, endorsed, read the first time and passed. The bill to amend the act for establishing a militia, endorsed, read the second time and passed.

The bill to erect that part of Wilkes county, lying west of the Appalachian mountains, and part of Washington county into a separate county, was read for the second reading and rejected—the yeas and nays being taken, were, yeas 48, nays 51.

Mr. Carrington moved for leave and presented a bill to regulate the practice of physic in this state, which was read the first time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate the bill to amend an act for establishing courts of law and for regulating the proceedings therein, and another giving an equity jurisdiction to the superior courts, read the third time, amended and passed.

Received from the senate a bill for obtaining an accurate map of this state, read the first time and passed; also the bill for subscribing on loan in the office of the commissioner of the United States, &c. endorsed, read the second time and passed.

Ordered, that the bill to regulate the administration of justice be laid over till the next session of assembly.

Ordered, that the bill to regulate the administration of justice be printed for inspection, and annexed to the laws passed this session.

Wednesday, December 8.

Received from his excellency a message, accompanied with a letter from the governor of Virginia; also another letter with a copy of an act of the legislature of Virginia, to amend an act for cutting a canal from the waters of Elizabeth river to the waters of Pasquotank.—The foregoing message, &c. being read, it was moved and seconded, that they be referred to a committee consisting of one member from each district in this state.—This being objected to, the question being put, will the house agree to this motion, which was negatived. The yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Jones, and were, yeas 25, nays 62.

Mr. Polk moved for leave and presented a bill to increase the jurisdiction of the county courts in this state, which was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate the bill to establish two places for holding general musters in Caswell county, read the third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act for the support of sick seamen, was read the first time, passed and sent to the senate.