

Ordered that the following message be sent to the senate :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

We have received information of the death of Mr. Richard Grift, one of the members of this house, and propose that the members of both houses attend the corps to the place of interment, at four o'clock to-morrow evening

Received from the senate the bill for establishing an inspection of tobacco, on Dan river, on the lands of Thomas Harrison, in Caswell county. A bill to regulate the practice of physic. A bill for laying a tax in Newbern district for repairing the gaol, &c. and the bill to increase the jurisdiction of the county courts, endorsed, read the first time and passed.

A bill to regulate and fix the price of inspecting and coopering tobacco—a bill directing the entry-takers as to their duty in certain cases—a bill to revive and amend an act passed in 1715, entitled, an act for preventing disputes concerning lands already surveyed, endorsed, read the second time and passed.

Thursday, December 9.

Received from the senate the following message :

Mr. Speaker and gentleman,

We have appointed Mr. Macon and Mr. Harget, on the part of this house, to examine and burn such of the paper money, now in the hands of the treasurer, as is unfit for circulation.

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

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen,

We agree to your proposition in appointing a committee to receive of the treasurer such of the paper money as is unfit for circulation, and to burn the same, and for that purpose have appointed Messrs. Scull, Lock, Polk, and Saunders.

Mr. Hamilton moved, that the house enter into a resolution requiring all officers, &c. to take the oath agreeably to the sixth article of the constitution of the United States, which being objected to, the question was put, will the house agree to this resolution? which was negatived, whereupon the yeas and nays were called for, and were yeas 27, and nays 55

Received from the senate the following message :

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen,

Mr. Graham and Mr. Wynn, will, on the part of this house, wait upon and conduct the honourable Alexander Martin, esquire, into the presence of the general assembly, in order for his qualification.

Received from the senate the bill empowering the courts of pleas and quarter

sessions to direct the secretary of state to correct certain patents or grants therein described, when there have been errors by the surveyors in making their returns, or by the secretary in issuing the same, read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to regulate the practice of physic in this state, was read the second time and rejected.

Mr. Leigh moved for leave and presented a bill to amend an act, entitled, an act passed at Newbern, in December, 1785, entitled, an act for creating the jurisdiction of the county courts of pleas and quarter sessions, and of the justices out of court and directing the time of holding courts in this state.

The senate and commons assembled in conference. The speakers and members being seated, the members appointed by both houses to attend his excellency the governor, and conduct him to the place appointed for his reception, accordingly attended on and conducted him to the commons hall, who then and there, in the presence of both houses of the general assembly, qualified as governor, by taking the oath of allegiance, and also the oath of office.

Friday, December 10.

Received from the senate the following message :

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen,

Mr. Harget, Mr. M'Dowell, and Mr. Dickson, will, on the part of this house, act with the gentlemen by you named, to confer and amend the bill relative to fraudulent certificates.

The bill for annexing part of Wilkes county to the county of Surry, was read the first time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Received from the senate the following message :

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen,

We propose that the act of the Virginia assembly relative to cutting a canal from this to that state, be committed to a special committee, and have appointed on our part, Messrs. M'Dowell, Macon, and Johnston.

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

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen,

We agree that the act of assembly of the state of Virginia, to amend the act for cutting a canal, &c. be committed as by you proposed. We have on our part for that purpose appointed Messrs. Jones, Taylor, Person, Leigh, and Polk a committee.

Ordered, that the bill for obtaining a map of this state, be laid over till the next session of the assembly.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the University of the state of North Carolina, at Fayetteville, the 24th of November, 1790, it was unanimously agreed, that the following resolution of thanks, be given to Benjamin Smith, esquire :

WHEREAS, Colonel BENJAMIN SMITH, of Belvidere, in the county of Brunswick, and state of North Carolina, was pleased benevolently to grant, and hath by instrument of writing, under his hand and seal, bearing date the 18th day of December, 1789, made a donation and conveyance, to the trustees of the university of said state, of certain valuable lands, amounting to 20,000 acres, to be applied to the use and disposal of the said institution, agreeably to the law in such case made and provided.

RESOLVED, That this board do accept the said grant of lands, and that they entertain a proper impression of the public spirit and liberality manifested by Colonel SMITH, in this his early and valuable donation.

RESOLVED, That the secretary of the board be directed to order these resolutions to be published in all the gazettes of the state, for the space of four weeks.

ALEX. MARTIN, President.

By order,

JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary. 65—68



Fayetteville, December 13, 1790.

As Timothy Blossworth, esquire, was last February elected a member of the house of representatives in the Congress of the United States, and he being now in Philadelphia, on that important trust: We, the subscribers, members of the general assembly from the counties of Onslow, New-Hanover, Duplin, Bladen, Brunswick, Sampson and Moore, in the Cape-Fear division, having the truest reliance on his ability, experience and integrity, and being fully sensible of his having faithfully discharged the many and important stations which he has filled, do recommend to our constituents to re-elect him their representative in Congress for the division aforesaid, which trust we are assured he will accept of, and serve accordingly.

- Robert W. Snead,
- John Spicer,
- John A. Campbell,
- John G. Scull,
- Joseph Dickson,
- Shadrach Stallings,
- Duncan Stewart,
- William E. Lord,
- Richard Clinton,
- James Thomson,
- Thomas Tyson.