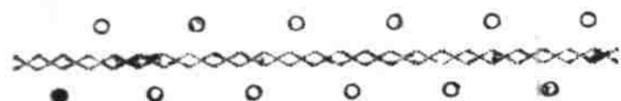


species that infest this lake, is the hissing snake, which is of the small speckled kind, and about eighteen inches long. When any thing approaches it, it flattens itself in a moment, and its spots, which are of various dyes, become visibly brighter through rage; at the same time it blows from its mouth with great force a subtle wind, that is reported to be of a nauseous smell; and if drawn in with the breath of the unwary traveller, will infallibly bring on a decline, that in a few months must prove mortal, there being no remedy yet discovered which can counteract its baneful influence.



FAYETTEVILLE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, December 13.

The committee appointed to count and burn the ragged money in the treasury, report, that they have received, counted and burnt, the sum of five thousand four hundred and sixty four pounds eighteen shillings and three pence, ragged money.

MATTHEW LOCK, Chairman.

Resolved, that the house do concur with this report.

Whereas the general assembly of this state passed an act in the year 1786, at Fayetteville, to raise a certain number of troops for the defence and protection of Davidson county, in which act is expressed, that a board shall be appointed for the adjustment of their accounts, after which adjustment being made the officers and soldiers of said troops shall be paid a half year's pay; and as such board hath never yet been appointed, whereby the warrants for land as part payment to the said troops cannot be issued:

Resolved, therefore, that Francis Child, the comptroller of public accounts, be, and he is hereby appointed to receive the accounts or pay rolls of the officers commanding the said troops, and if upon examination and due proof of the said accounts or pay rolls being just, and that the said troops, or any part of them, have fully complied with the act of as-

sembly under which they were raised, then and in that case he shall certify the same to the secretary of state, who shall issue warrants for lands to the claimants, agreeable to said certificate; and if it shall be made to appear to the comptroller, on the settlement of the accounts aforesaid, that any part of the pay allotted to each officer and soldier, which certificate so granted, shall be paid and received as taxes for the county of Davidson aforesaid.

Concurred with by the senate.

Tuesday, December 14.

Mr. Macon made known to the house, that it was the request of Mr. John Haywood, assistant clerk to this house, to resign that appointment in consequence of his late appointment as solicitor-general;

Therefore resolved, that the resignation of Mr. John Haywood, as assistant clerk to this house be accepted, and that Mr. Pleasant Henderson be appointed assistant clerk in his stead.

Received from the senate two resolutions of that house—one directing the senators from this state in the Congress of the United States to use their endeavours to cause the commissioner of loans for the state of North-Carolina to hold his office at Hillsborough—the other directing the comptroller to issue a certificate to Joseph Leach, which being read were concurred with and returned.

We the subscribers protest against the resolution for removing the loan-office of the United States.

First—Because it is beneath the dignity of the legislature of North-Carolina to interfere with the servants of Congress.

Second—Because the measure directed is inadvisable and impolitic.

Edward Jones,  
John Leigh,  
D. Witherpoon,  
John Hay,  
Lemuel Greecy,  
John Hamilton,  
James Taylor.

Wednesday, December 15.

Whereas several of the sheriffs within this state have not exhibited their claims for travelling and comparing the polls for representatives to Congress:

Therefore resolved, that the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to take such sheriffs' accounts in settlement of their account, first being duly proved and attested before some justice of the peace

of the county where such sheriff resides.

The bill to increase the jurisdiction of the county courts in this state, was read the third time and laid over till the next assembly.

Received from the senate a resolution of that house directing the treasurer to deliver the final settlement certificates in his possession to the comptroller, which being read was concurred with and returned.

Resolved, that the governor, by and with the advice of the council of state, shall take such order with respect to the state agency, for the final settlement of the accounts of this state, as to the executive may seem most expedient for the interest of this state.

The bill for subscribing on loan in the office of the United States, such continental monies and continental and state securities as are or may be in the hands of the treasurer or comptroller of this state, belonging to the public, or which shall be in the hands of either of them on the last day of September next, and for appropriating certain monies therein mentioned, was read the third time and laid over till next assembly.

On a motion made by Mr. Caldwell, Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this house be given to the honourable Stephen Cabarrus, esquire, for his able, faithful, diligent, and public spirited services as speaker thereof during this session.

Received from the senate the following resolution for concurrence, viz.

NORTH-CAROLINA.

In Senate, December, 1790.

The judges of the superior courts of law and courts of equity in this state, having laid before this general assembly a letter informing of their having refused a writ of certiorari, issued by the judges of the federal court for the district of North-Carolina, relative to a suit depending in the court of equity for the district of Edenton, in the state aforesaid, in which Robert Morris, John Alexander Nesbitt and others are complainants, and Nathaniel Allen, Alexander Black, William Scott, and others are defendants, and the said judges have, together with their letters, laid before the two houses the reasons and causes of such their refusal:

It is therefore resolved, that the general assembly do commend and approve of the conduct of the judges of the courts