

service of the United States to perform some duty. If it was none of these he knew not what they were good for, unless to watch over a certain species of our population, which it was unnecessary to name. He thought, however, that as soldiers, they ought cheerfully to support the fatigues of any duties, which, while in service, they were called upon from the situation of their country to perform.

Having now given as fair a statement as he could of this report, Mr. Clark asked, why add to the report as the sentiment of the senate, when it contained such palpable misstatements? He hoped that after the exposition he had given of the exposition handed in by the committee of this report twice referred—it would not be deemed presumptuous in him to express a belief, that it would be indefinitely postponed.

Legislature of North-Carolina.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1813.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial from the North-Carolina Bible Society, with a bill to carry the prayer thereof into effect, entitled "a bill to incorporate the North-Carolina Bible Society."

Mr. Simeon Sawyer presented a bill to repeal the third section of an act for establishing the mode of elections in Currituck; and, Mr. Pearce presented a bill to revive and continue in force an act giving further time for the probate and registering of certain deeds issued from Lord Grenville's office. Both read the first time.

The bill for the removal of the place of holding the courts of Washington county, was, on motion of Mr. Bateman, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Butler presented a bill to provide for a settlement with the court officers and other officers of Montgomery county, and to repeal the law allowing pay to Jurors of said county; Mr. Raina a bill to amend an act to authorize the commissioners of the town of Hillsborough to rear out part of the town commons. Read the first time.

The house took up the order of the day on the report of the committee favorable to the petition of the Banks of Newbern and Cape-Fear. On the question of concurring, as stated in our last, the report was rejected, 68 to 58.

A message was received from the governor transmitting a report of the Treasurer of the University. The amount of receipts during the year 1813, was \$2,902 15 1/2; and the expenditures, \$2,658 14 8; leaving a balance in hand of \$236 1 3.

Saturday, Dec. 18.

James Cochran was elected the remaining councillor of state.

A message was received from his excellency the governor transmitting the answer which follows, to the late memorial of the Legislature of this state:

To the Senate and House of Commons of the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina.

I have received, I feel no concern, your Memorial of the 29th ult. representing the exposure of your State to danger on its western frontier, and desiring to be informed, which measures will be immediately taken by the National Government for its protection.

The anxiety which you manifest for the security of the State under your particular care, cannot but be commended, and would be highly agreeable to make a communication that would remove all occasion for it.

The Legislature of North-Carolina is too enlarged and to get not to be sensible that the protection to be exacted by the General Government over the Union, must be prepared to discharge means, and that in discharging these, regard must be had to the comparative practicability of methods in particular States and places. Against occasional incursions, where there are so many points accessible by water, I manifestly having on that element of force so extensive and so nearly unchangeable, an absolute protection of every one, is not possible. Considering the States as parts of one whole, the best defence of the whole must be kept in view, by the situation which that is extraneous; and it is fortunate, that the security and interests of particular parts, will often be comprehended in the effect produced by measures more immediately applied to the protection of other parts.

These observations are not intended to preclude a due consideration of the particular case, stated in your Memorial. They speak only to the candor with which you will be sure to review the measures of the executive, in relation to the general and particular defence of our country, and to the confidence claimed by the impartiality which has directed them.

With a view to the more convenient superintendance and protection of every part of the United States, they have been partitioned into military districts. The officer allotted to that which includes the state of North-Carolina, will be instructed, as soon as practicable, to visit and examine the situation of the exposed part of the state, with a view to improvements which may be properly made in works of defence. He was about to make such a visit, when he was lately called away to a more urgent, but temporary service. In the meantime, a Colonel of Engineers has been sent to examine the ports, and to make report on the subject of them.

The Secretary of the Navy has not been insensitive to the means of defence, depending on his department, which were thought best adapted to the waters of North-Carolina; and so the gun boats already ordered, and the equipment of which has not been interrupted, a like number of a new boat of another modification, will be added as soon as they can be made ready for service.

In making this communication it will of course not be understood as superseding any auxiliary provisions which the State of North-Carolina may think proper to make in its own account, as has been done by some other states, in order to a more complete and particular security, than it may be in the power of the general government, to extend to every exposed situation throughout the frontier of the United States.

Be pleased, fellow-citizens, to accept assurances of my high respect and my best wishes.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, Dec. 11, 1813.

Read and referred to the committee on so much of the governor's message as relates to defence, &c.

Monday, December 20.

Several bills of a private nature passed their third readings.

Mr. Craig handed in the following report.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee upon the assumption by this state of the direct tax imposed upon the several counties thereof by act of Congress, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise, have taken the subject into consideration and herewith report a bill grounded upon the following principles.

The sum imposed on each county by act of congress is laid upon it by this act. A tax of forty cents is laid on every slave in this state, which it is supposed will produce \$84,000, and is equal to a tax of 120 cents on slaves between 12 and 50, according to the most accurate calculation the committee have been able to make. They have adopted this plan of taxing every state because of the difficulty of ascertaining the number between 12 and 50 in consequence of the neglect of many clerks in their returns to the comptroller.

After deducting from the sum by each county, the amount to be raised by a tax on slaves, the balance is imposed upon town property and lands, estimating \$100 value of the former at three hundred acres of land. Your committee have provided that any county may raise the sum imposed upon it from the same subjects by any other rates of taxation, which may be more equitable, restraining them at the same time from varying the tax on slaves.

Report and bill ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on the subject of paying the local militia, was read and concurred in.

Joseph Graham was elected Brigadier General of the 10th brigade, 5th division.

Tuesday, Dec. 21.

On motion of Mr. Steele, a resolution was passed requesting the governor to have laid before the general assembly an estimate of the amount due individuals, for baggage, wagons, supplies, hospital stores, ammunition, &c. including the pay of such of the local militia as could not from the regulations of the war department receive compensation from the United States. Likewise an account of the expenses incurred during the late invasion.

James W. Clark, James Iredell, Lewis Williams and Thomas Ruffin, Esqrs. were elected trustees of the university; and Joseph H. Bryan, esq. Major-General first division North-Carolina militia.

A motion of Mr. Dickens, for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the expediency of varying the respective quotas of direct tax imposed on the several counties of this state, was indefinitely postponed 65 to 47.

The house took up the report agreed to in senate, censuring the political conduct of David Stone.

Mr. Pearson moved an indefinite postponement. Lost, 70 to 43.

Mr. Steele moved to strike out the preamble. Lost, 72 to 46.

Mr. Stanly moved amendments to the resolution (as published in our last) so as to specify the particular votes in which Mr. Stone had disappointed the expectations of the Legislature. As to the vote on the direct tax, the amendment was refused 63 to 49; on the act respecting duties on retailers, &c. it was adopted 54 to 32; on the act imposing duties on licenses to distil spirituous liquors, the amendment was also received, 68 to 41; on the act laying a duty on imported salt, negative 45 to 42; on the bill laying an embargo, agreed to 64 to 42; and on the vote against Albert Gallatin, negative 44 to 67.

The resolution being amended so as to read, "Resolved that the said David Stone, in his vote against the act to lay duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise; in his vote against the act to lay duties on licenses to distillers of spirituous liquors, and in his vote against the bill to lay an embargo, hath disappointed the reasonable expectations, and incurred the disapprobation of this general assembly."

Mr. D. L. Barringer moved its indefinite postponement. Lost, 72 to 49.

Mr. Pearson moved to strike out the words, "this general assembly" and insert "those who elected him." Lost, 79 to 40.

The report and resolution, as amended were then adopted 75 to 29.

For the resolutions. Messrs. Jno. Adams, Anderson, Beck, Rd. Barnes, Benton, Jas. Barnes, J. C. Bryan, Boon, D. L. Barringer, Bateman, Brown, Callaway, B. Collins, Jo. Chambers, Cherry, Gray, B. Chambers, Daniel, Drew, Davenport, Douglass, Etheridge, Foster, Flowers, Fennel, Goodwin, Gillespie, Grayton, Graves, Hamlin, Haw, C. Harris, Hillard, Howell, J. Harris, Hogan, Hardison, Hill, Hawkins, Wm. Jones (Hertford), Joyner, Jordan, Johnson, Kyle, Kilpatrick, Lanier, Loftin, Lenoir, Longcup, Miller, Mebane, Maury, Martin, Matthis, Newby, Owen, Parish, Peace, Pugh, A. Reddick, W. Reddick, Relf, Ruffin, Sim. Sawyer, Simmons, Skinner, Dempsey Sawyer, Spencer, D. L. Sawyer, Taliaferro, Worsley, Walton, Wright, Williams, Wade.—75.

Against the resolutions. Mess. Jesse Adams, P. Barringer, Wm. Bryan, Bolyan, Blackman, C. Bryan, Bagge, Campbell, Cuthbertson, Cameron, Crump, M. Collins, Cook, Carson, Dickson, Dickens, Gibson, Hekabee, Hoke, Hoyle, Wm. Jones, (Perquimons) Iredell, W. W. Jones, King, Lightfoot, Moore, M'Cutloch, M'Leod, Pinkham, Phifer, Powell, Pearson, Roberts, Russ, Stewart, Stanly, Steele, Tyson, Vail.—39.

The bill to equalize the land tax was indefinitely postponed—63 to 59.

Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Wm. R. Pickett was elected first and Alexander M'Millan second major of cavalry, 42th brigade.

The bill to raise a revenue for the year 1814 passed its first reading.

Several bills of a local and private nature passed their third readings.

Received from the Senate the report of the committee to whom the subjects had been referred, accompanied by a bill to provide means to furnish supplies to the militia which may be

called into the service of the state during the year 1814; also a bill to authorize the public treasurer to borrow money, for the purpose of providing means of public defence; also, a bill providing the means by which the U. States may obtain sites for light-houses and fortifications, within this state, and for ceding the jurisdiction thereof to the United States. Severally read the first time.

A bill to amend the militia laws was taken up and debated, and laid on the table.

IN SENATE.

Monday, Dec. 20.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of altering the time for electing Members to Congress, recommended that no alteration take place, but that the Governor be authorized, in case of necessity, to direct elections to be held. Concurred with.

Mr. Branch introduced a bill directing the manner in which the vote of the State shall hereafter be given in the election of Directors to the State Bank, placing the exercise of it in a committee of the Legislature, instead of the Treasurer. The bill was negative on its first reading, 34 to 22.

Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Bazillai Graves was elected Lieutenant Colonel in the 16th Brigade of the Militia.

Mr. Marpley, from the committee to whom the subject of Steam Boat Navigation was referred, recommended that the petitioners should have leave to withdraw their petitions, stating that the conflicting rights of the several persons claiming preference in this business, must be settled in or court of justice. The committee condemned the expression in Mr. De Laey's memorial, which states "that the act of last session was surreptitiously obtained," as they believe the Legislature acted upon sufficient documents. The report concurred with.

A report was made in favor of paying the expenses incurred by calling out the local militia, which was concurred with; but the comptroller is directed to make out an account thereof and deliver it to the governor, who is to transmit the same to the Secretary of War and insist upon a reimbursement.

Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Mr. Bruton introduced a bill for classing the Militia of this State.

The resolution censuring the conduct of David Stone, our Senator in Congress, was read as amended by the House of Commons, and concurred with.

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's annual Report, recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow from the Banks of this State, at an interest not exceeding six per cent. \$20,000 for the ordinary purposes of Government. Concurred with.

RALEIGH:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1813.

The Legislature will probably adjourn tomorrow, according to the custom of never sitting beyond Christmas.

Assessment of the direct tax. The bill for assuming the direct tax, and upon this subject, was yesterday for the first time postponed, in the house of commons by a majority of 30 votes; 43 voting in favor of, and 73 against the measure. The bill was opposed by many of the democratic members, and by some of the federal members who were in favor of the assumption, on the ground that the mode proposed for the collection of the money would be highly unjust and oppressive as regards the owners of poor land, and the poor generally. The principle was to make every hundred acres pay alike.

General C. Jones, who had proceeded to Washington with the Memorial from the Legislature of this state to the President of the United States, returned on Sunday last, after performing the duty assigned to him.

In our list the names of Messrs. Butler and Moore were not inserted, as they ought to have been, among the Yeas on the Bank question.

There is not at this time a single federal newspaper in Kentucky. No wonder, then, that the people of that state are devoted to the views of the administration. We consider the medium of public information in France and in Kentucky very different about a part, but as the two governments are engaged in fighting the same battle, we do not see why the subjects of each should not be kept in equal ignorance.

It appears that the account, some time ago published, of the loss of the U. S. schooner Chippewa, on Lake Erie, was incorrect. She arrived, after the storm at Buffalo, having only lost her deck load, consisting of officers' baggage; and one passenger, Wm. Brown, eq. drowed by inadvertently jumping overboard and attempting to swim ashore.

An arrival, to the north, from London brings intelligence, that Lord Wellington had entered Bayonne. We do not think however, that the rumor is correct. Until the reduction of Bayona, which the British were investing it is scarcely probable that the combined army would make any movement in a wance.

An expedition from Fort George, directed against the British post at Burlington heights, has been ordered back by Gen. Clarke; the enemy having destroyed all the bridges so as to render it impossible for our troops to proceed.

The federal governor and councillors of Maryland have been re-elected.

Cotton.—This article is rising very rapidly in price, in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New-York and Boston. It commands from 20 to 30 cents in New-York and from 30 to 40 in Boston.

The injunction of secrecy has not yet been removed from the late confidential proceedings of the houses of Congress. The Senate sat the whole of yesterday with closed doors and adjourned to Monday. The other House sat a part of the day in private, and also adjourned to Monday; so that the important act which it was the general belief would have been promulgated this morning, cannot be made public for two or three days.

Nat. Intel.

An Embargo is the act alluded to.

ELECTION OF GOVERNOR.

Yesterday about 12 o'clock, a motion was made in the House of Delegates of this State,

to send the usual message to the Senate, notifying them that the House were ready to proceed to the election of a Governor for the ensuing year, by joint ballot. The question being taken on this motion, the votes were—Affirmative FIFTY ONE, Negative twenty-two. The members from Anne Arundel county, who are Democratic, and one democratic member from Caroline, voting in the affirmative. Two of the members from Washington county did not vote.

The Senate held the message under consideration until 5 o'clock in the afternoon; when they returned an answer assenting to the proposal and putting in nomination Robert Bowie, Esq. the House having nominated Levin Winder, Esq. The two Houses immediately proceeded to ballot, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that his Excellency Levin Winder had 49 votes, which being a majority of the whole number of Senators and Delegates, he was declared duly elected Governor of the State of Maryland for the ensuing year. Robt Bowie, Esq. had 28 votes. Ball. Fed. Gaz.

Militia. An amendment has been adopted to the resolution on this subject, which provides for the payment of all our drafted men, whose claims shall be rejected by the secretary of war. Edit. Min.

COLUMBIA, S. C. DEC. 8.

JAMES BURCHEL RICHARDSON, President of the Senate of the State of South-Carolina, has this day been expelled from that body, only one dissenting voice (which was Colonel William Boone Mitchell, his son-in-law.) He was heard by counsel, who rested his defence on Colonel Cleary's not being a magistrate, which was replied to by Colonels Rouse Johnson, Captain Hibben and many others, who acquitted themselves with due honor. Major SAVAGE SMITH has been elected President—on the first ballot Major Smith had the greatest number of votes by 13. A bill to permit the owners of the land upon which Fort Mechanic is built to sell the same to the United States is now before the House of Representatives.

The editor of the Philadelphia True American, says,—"Although the president has not thought proper to publish the fact, at the date of the last dispatches, Mr Crawford had not been accredited as our Minister at the Court of France."

William Pannill

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public, that he has leased the Houses and Lot in the town of Hillsborough, lately occupied by Henry Thompson, Esq. situate on the Main Street, between Eno Bridge and the 44th street, where he has lately opened a TAVERN. The houses have been thoroughly repaired, and considerable additions made; the stables are new, and will contain about 30 horses in separate stalls.—Those gentlemen who may please to favor him with their custom, may depend on his best endeavors to please, and see that none depart dissatisfied.

Hillsborough, Dec. 17, 1813. 25 6c.

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, on account of the above premises kept for him by Dawson Atkinson, are hereby cautioned to pay the same to the said Atkinson who is not authorized to receive any part thereof. They are further cautioned to come forward and make immediate payment, or otherwise their accounts will be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

GEORGE HALL, Raleigh, Dec. 24, 1813.

To the owners of Wagons & Teams!

THE Subscribers will receive proposals until the 24th day of January next, for the transportation in whole or in part, of from four to five hundred bales of cotton, from Fayetteville to Philadelphia.

Persons inclined to such an undertaking must be able to give sufficient assurance of their ability to comply with their contracts. Letters on the subject, (post-paid,) will meet with prompt attention from WINSLOW & HUSKE, Fayetteville, Dec. 21, 1813. 25 2c.

THE SUPERIOR STALLION,

POWHATAN, WILL stand the ensuing Spring Season in the neighborhood of Charlotte, N. Carolina. His pedigree and performance will appear in proper time. Dec. 24 1813—25 3c. WILLIAM BETHELL.

State of North-Carolina,

CASWELL COUNTY. Superior Court of Law and Equity, Fall Term, 1813.

Wyatt Stubblefield vs. Hugh Mills, Matthew Mills, Manan Mills, Charles Mills and Wm. Mills, heirs at law of Matthew Mills, dec'd. and Wm. Hubbard, heir at law of William Hubbard, deceased.

EQUITY. Appearing to this Court that William Hubbard, one of the Defendants, is not an inhabitant of this state, it is ordered by the Court, that the said William Hubbard appear at the next Term of this Court and plead, demur or answer, or the bill will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte—and that this order be published five weeks in the Raleigh Minerva.

25 5c. ANDREW HARRISON, C. M. E.

State of North-Carolina,

TREDELL COUNTY. Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions, November Term, 1813.

John and Melus Nisbet vs. John Martin, ORIGINAL ATTACHMENT, Leveled negroes Febby and Lewis, horses, &c.

Appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendant is not an inhabitant of this state, therefore it is ordered that publication be made in the Raleigh Minerva for three weeks, that unless he appears at the next session of this court, to be held at the court house in Statesville, on the third Monday of February next, reply and plead, judgment will be entered against him.

24 3c. JOHN NISBET, C. C.