

FROM FLORIDA.

St. Augustine, Nov'r 7.

Indian Murders.—Lieut. Judd, with Mr. Fernando Falany, and 3 Dragoons, on Sunday morning last left Fort Searle for this City. Near the 8 mile post they were fired upon by a party of Indians who were concealed in the bushes alongside the road. The Sergeant and one private were killed, and Mr. Falany and one private severely wounded. Lt. Judd escaped miraculously. He rode with the wounded men a short distance on, when the soldier fell exhausted, and Lt. J. dismounted, dragged him off the road and concealed him among some bushes. Mr. Falany was wounded in the shoulder—the ball lodging in the arm.

The bodies were much disfigured, and that of the Sergeant decapitated and the head carried off.

The wounded man it is thought will recover.

The place of the Indian talk is transferred from Tampa Bay to Fort King. Micanopy and several chiefs, with Abram the interpreter, it is said, will be present. — *News.*

OFFICE OF THE NEWS,

St. Augustine, Nov. 8.—12 o'clock.

Information has been received in this city from Fort Reid, on the St. John's, that Col. W. S. Harney, 2d Dragoons, had captured twelve Indians, consisting of women and children, last week, in that neighborhood. He took from them about 50 blankets, some perfectly new, and a number of pieces of calico, homespun, &c. This plunder is no doubt some that was taken when Indian Key was destroyed by the wretches. *Wild Cat*, and his party, are still in this neighborhood, and committing depredations daily.

Fort Hanson, about fifteen miles from this city, was burnt about three days ago. The troops that were garrisoning it (volunteers,) had not left it but a few hours, before it was burnt. There were eight distinct tracks discovered around the Fort by the scout who discovered that the place was burnt. One of the tracks was that of a negro, and very large. It is the same party that are daily murdering our people about here, headed by *Wild Cat*, alias *Coo-coo-hee!*

Correspondence of the National Intelligencer.

New York, November 14, 1840.

There is a decided improvement in confidence, if in nothing else, since the Presidential Election. One of the first fruits in this city is a loan of a million of dollars by our banks to aid the Philadelphia banks in the business of *resumption*. Boston loans a million and a half. The loan is to be paid in Philadelphia funds, and payable in post notes in New York. This secures a general resumption of specie payments throughout the whole of the United States on the 1st day of January next. It promises a fine opening of the spring trade in February, a revival in real estate and in enterprise, and a salutary and sound currency.—The only danger now is the absence of a healthy check over the issues of the State banks, the Sub-Treasury being but the merest farce, as it operates, the whole spirit and tenor of the law having been violated by the subterfuges of the Collectors and Receivers—by which I do not mean to admit the law was good for any thing in any way, inasmuch as the execution of the law in its spirit was nearly an impossibility, while a pretended execution of it without any obedience to it is an immorality. For the honor of the laws, therefore, and if only for that alone, it should be rubbed forthwith from the statute book.

New York, Nov. 16, 1840.

Party quarrels and animosities are subsiding. *Now for making money*, is the cry. The liveliest hopes are indulged for a good spring business campaign.

The latest account which we have seen of the notorious Dr. Duncan of Ohio, runs on this wise. Some of the Whigs thereabouts, burned a whiskey barrel. When he heard of it he exclaimed in a terrible rage, "the rascally British Whigs have burned me in *cf. figy.*" — *Danville Reporter.*

Legislature of North Carolina.

Monday, Nov. 16, 1840.

This being the day appointed by law for the meeting of the General Assembly of the State, the two Houses convened in the new Capitol at 3 o'clock, P. M. and were duly organized.

SENATE.

A quorum being present, Mr. Dockery moved that the Senate proceed to the election of Speaker, and nominated for that office Andrew Joyner, Esq. the Senator from the County of Halifax; which was agreed to, and the Senate proceeded to vote as follows:

For Mr. Joyner, Messrs. Faison, Bond, Shepard, Speed, Spiers, Mangum, Worth, Mays, Hellen, Johnson, Selby, Melchor, Albright, Montgomery, Myres, Spruill, Dockery, Morehead, Moore, Puryear, Mitchell, Hargrave, Clingman, Parks, Ribelin, Gaither, Bynum—27.

For Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, Messrs. Eam, Whitaker, Hawkins, Cooper, Etheridge, Whitfield, Arrington, Kerr, McDairmid, Hoolder, Laikins, Sloan, Pollock, Reid, Williams, Melvin, Pasteur, Orr, Ward, Edwards—24.

For Mr. Edwards, Mr. Wilson—1.

Col. Andrew Joyner having received a majority of the whole number of votes was declared duly elected; when in motion of Mr. Spruill, he was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Wilson and Dockery; whence he made his acknowledgements to the House.

Mr. Morehead nominated Thomas G. Stone for Principal Clerk of the Senate; and Mr. Spruill nominated H. W. Miller, for Clerk Assistant. There being no opposition, each of these gentlemen were elected by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Arrington nominated Thomas B. Wheeler for Principal Doorkeeper. On motion of Mr. Moore, Jehu Crews, on motion of Mr. Mangum, Wm. F. Smith, and on motion of Mr. Albright, B. Yates, were added to the nomination. The Senate then proceeded to vote, ineffectually, as follows: for Wheeler 22, Crews 24, Smith 2, Yates 1. The Senate then proceeded to vote again, the two last named being withdrawn, which resulted in the election of Mr. Crews, he having received 27 and Mr. Wheeler 22 votes.

On motion of Mr. Albright, Green Hill was then appointed Assistant Doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Morehead, the House of Commons were informed by message of the organization of the Senate.

Mr. Speed presented a Resolution proposing that the Gallery on the right of the Speaker's Chair be appropriated exclusively to the ladies which was, on motion of Mr. Dockery, ordered to lie on the table.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

After the usual form of administering the Oaths of qualification to the members Mr. Barringer moved that the House proceed to the election of Speaker, and nominated for that appointment, Wm. A. Graham, Esq. from Orange, who was chosen without opposition; and on being conducted to the Chair by Mr. Barringer, made his acknowledgements to the House in an appropriate address.

On motion of Mr. Hill, Charles Manly was chosen Principal Clerk, and Edmund B. Freeman Clerk Assistant.

Several persons having been nominated, the House proceeded to vote for Door-keeper; which resulted in the election of Samuel J. Finch, Principal Door-keeper, Thomas Anderson, Assistant Door-keeper.

SENATE.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1840.

Mr. Dockery was appointed Speaker *pro. tem.* in consequence of the indisposition of the Speaker.

Mr. Reid presented a Resolution proposing to appoint a Committee of five, for the purpose of preparing permanent Rules of Order and Decorum for the government of the Senate, during the present session, and that the rules of the last session be observed until otherwise ordered, & Messrs. Reid, Worth, Myers, Cooper and Speed were appointed to compose said Committee.

The two Houses voted twice for three Engrossing Clerks, which resulted in the election of A. Miller and G. Hoyt.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, ordered that a message be sent to the Senate, informing them of the organization of this House, and proposing that a joint select committee of two on the part of each House be raised to wait upon the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the two branches of the Legislature, and of their readiness to receive any communication which he may see fit to make. A message was subsequently received from the Senate, agreeing to this proposition, informing that Messrs. Morehead and Orr compose the committee on their part; upon which Messrs. Wilson and J. T. Miller were appointed to form said Committee, on the part of the House. The Committee, having performed the duty assigned to them, reported that the Governor would make a communication to the Legislature tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Adams moved that a committee of five members be appointed to prepare and report Rules of Order for the Government of this House, and that in the interim the rules of the last session be observed. The motion prevailed, and Messrs. Adams, Hoke, Hill, Barringer, and R. B. Gilliam were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Holland moved that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a joint Committee to prepare and report joint Rules for the Government of the two Houses; but it being suggested by the Speaker, that the Joint Rules of the last session were to remain permanent until otherwise ordered, the motion was negatived.

The Speaker laid before the House the resignations of Messrs. Brown and Strange as U. S. Senators, which were read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. Hill, sent to the Senate.

SENATE.

Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Much time was taken up in balloting for an Engrossing Clerk.

The Standing Rules of Order were reported, and being read, were adopted.

On motion, a Message was sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a select joint Committee, to make and report joint Rules of order for the Government of the two Houses.

The resignation of Messrs. Brown and Strange, were read and accepted.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Messages having been exchanged, the House proceeded to vote for the remaining Engrossing Clerk. No choice was made, Messrs. Rose and Drake, running ahead.

On motion of Mr. H. C. Jones.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate, proposing the appointment of a Joint Select Committee of three from each House to examine the apartments of the Capitol and assign to the State Officers, and the Committees of the General Assembly, their several rooms; and that they ascertain whether any other order in relation to the Capitol be necessary.

Mr. Reid presented the Pension Certificates of Irabella Campbell and Martha Spears; and Mr. McLaughlin, the Certificates of Mary Marshall and Ann Patterson. They were countersigned by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

A Message was received from his Excellency, the Governor of the State, of considerable length which occupied some time in the reading. [We have tried in vain to procure a copy of it for this paper, but it shall appear in our next.—*Register.*]

The House then adjourned.

SENATE.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1840.

Mr. Joyner [Speaker] being absent from indisposition, Mr. Dockery, of Richmond, officiated.

A Message was received from the House, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee on Cherokee Lands. Concurred in.

A Message from the House also, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee to investigate the title of the State to the Swamp Lands which are to be drained under the direction of the Literary Board. Concurred in.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Another vote was had for Engrossing Clerk which resulted in the choice of John Rose, of Rockingham.

The Speaker laid before the House, a Report from the Commissioners appointed to superintend the rebuilding of the Capitol.

Mr. E. P. Miller presented a Petition on the subject of a new County to be formed of Burke and Wilkes, and to be called Caldwell. Referred to special Committee, composed of the members from those two Counties.

Mr. Guthrie presented a bill, altering and prescribing the time at which Elections shall hereafter be held in this State. Read first time.

The following committee was appointed under Mr. H. C. Jones, Resolution of yesterday; Messrs. Jones J. O. K. Williams and Graves, of the House, and Messrs. Spruill, Arrington and Hellen, of the Senate.

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

On Claims.—Messrs. Wilson, McCleave, Dickson, J. M. Covington, Killian Poindexter, Massey, Brogden, Biggs, Hawkins, McClenahan and Keener.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Messrs. Grandy, Allen, J. T. Miller, Reid, Graves, Holland, J. P. Caldwell, B. F. Moore, Hyman, Patterson, R. Jones, Brummell, W. J. Miller.

On Agriculture.—Messrs. J. B. Jones, Baker, J. W. Lane, Murchison, Doak, Morrow, McMillon, Jacobs, Davis, Howerton, Rand, Clegg, Curson.

On Internal Improvements.—Messrs. Paine, J. O. K. Williams, Hill, Wilson, Withers, Barringer, Bryan, Thompson, Whitehurst, Robards, Holt, H. C. Jones and Miller.

On Education.—Messrs. Smith, Joiner, Bannerman, McLaurin, Medenhall, J. Walker, Rayden, J. R. Gilliam, Wadsworth, Eaton, Cad. Jones, Beall, E. P. Miller.

On Privileges and Elections.—Messrs. Proctor, Foreman, Sullivan, J. W. Covington, Cardwell, G. W. Caldwell, Young, Spruill, Huggins, Russell, King, Wm. B. Lane and Patton.

SALT RIVER.

The following information from the Philadelphia United States Gazette is important to a great number of our citizens: "We are happy to state to our Van Buren brethren that the navigation of Salt river is in excellent order—the whole stream perfectly *boatable*. We found it very pleasant coming down a few days since; and doubt not that, all things considered, the upward navigation will be safe. As it regards the settlement, we may say, from a great many years' residence, that it is comfortable and *retired*. The quarters which our party occupied—a party proverbial for making themselves comfortable—will be opened to the Van Buren men, and we commend to them that agreeable philosophy which we learned and practised in those green retreats; and, as it regards our future movements, we say that, having rowed up the Salt river our opponents, we reserve the same canoe for ourselves whenever our country's cause shall so need our rowing up."

Hah! You Woodcutters!

KEEP OFF MY LAND! I cannot suffer so much wood cut on my Land about Asheboro'. I wish this understood as distinct notice to every body, that, in future any person cutting my wood, without express leave, is in danger of a rigid prosecution.

B. ELLIOTT.

Nov'r 27, 1840.

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PRESS FOR SALE.—Being desirous of embarking in another business, I now offer the establishment of the WILMINGTON ADVERTISER for sale. I do not know of a more eligible situation for persons desirous of embarking in the printing business, than Wilmington, North Carolina.

Terms accommodating. Application must be post paid.

Our exchange papers will oblige us by copying this advertisement until forbidden. F. C. HILL.

Wilmington, Nov'r 17.

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Blank Warrants for sale here,