

## L. G. LATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

### SENATE

MONDAY, NOV. 19, 1860.

The members elect of this branch of the Legislature of North Carolina for the session of 1860-61, met at the Senate Chamber to day at 11 o'clock.

On being called to order by J. W. Atchley, Esq., the Reading Clerk of the last Senate, the roll was then called, when it was ascertained that the members-elect from forty six Senatorial Districts, out of fifty, were present.

The four districts not represented were the 7th, 9th, 28th and 49th, whose members-elect probably had been detained at home by sickness.

The solemn and imposing ceremony of administering the oaths of office to each and all of the Senators present was next performed; and as many of our readers may not know the precise import of these oaths, perhaps it will not be out of place here to present them in full:

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will, be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are, or may be, established for the government thereof, and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not in opposition with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, so help me God.

The Senate then proceeded to the election of Speaker. Mr. Avery put in nomination Harry T. Clark, Esq., of Edgecombe.—Mr. M. F. Arendell nominated Victor C. Harrington, of Cabarrus.

The vote stood: Clark 28; Harrington, 16; Mr. Harrington voted for Mr. Walkup and Mr. Clark for Mr. Avery.

Mrs. Avery and Arendell conducted the speaker-elect to the chair, who spoke as follows:

*Sessions*—The meeting of the representatives of a Republican Government constitutes a most important event in their history. They come direct from their constituents fully impressed with their principles, in their own, and their wives, and charged with their dearest and highest interests. It is your duty, and will be your pleasure, to press and carry out their interests with zeal and the most jealous vigilance. But experience teaches us that party strife is the bane of legislation, and the surest way to ensure wisdom and success in our governments by calm deliberation and mutual forbearance, and that due respect for all of hereditary bodies. It is essential, not only to the harmony of this body, but the prosperity of business. No rules are required for the department of an association of gentlemen, but for the regularity and dispatch of business it will be necessary for you to prescribe proper rules and regulations—their rigid faithful enforcement on my part is the best guarantee I can offer to gain your approbation and support. I trust under you my sincere acknowledgement for the distinguished honor you have just conferred on me, and in return I will promise you a diligent and impartial discharge of the duties imposed upon me by your party.

The Senate then proceeded to ballot for two Clerks. Principal and Assistant. J. W. Atchley, Esq., of Forsyth, was made Principal Clerk, and Wm. L. Saunders, of Rowan, Assistant. H. W. Blodget, of Robeson, received a compensation rate of \$1. for both clerkships.

Mr. James F. Page was then elected Principal Doorkeeper, and G. C. Tally, Assistant. The former without opposition.

The motion, it was agreed to adopt the Rules of the last session for the government of the Senate.

The Senate then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Tuesday.

### SENATE.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 1860.

The Senate met this morning according to adjournment.

The Journal of yesterday having been read and approved, Dr. M. F. Arendell moved that Frederick G. T., Esq., Senator elect from Beaufort, be permitted to qualify and take his seat, which was agreed to.

Mr. Simpson, of Rockingham, then moved that a Message be sent to the House, proposing to raise a joint select committee, composed of two on the part of the Senate, and two for the House, to report regulations to govern the intercourse between both Houses. Adopted.

Mr. Walker moved that a message be sent to the House, proposing to raise a joint select committee to wait upon the Governor, and inform him of the organization of both branches of the Legislature, and to express to him their readiness to receive any communication he may wish to submit. Agreed to.

On motion of Col. Humphrey, of Onslow, a committee was appointed to draft permanent regulations for the government of the Senate.

A message was received from the House agreeing to the proposition to raise a joint select committee to wait upon the Governor.

Another message was then received from the House proposing to elect a Printer for the State, and announcing that Mr. John Spelman and Messrs. Syms & Hall had been nominated.

The Senate agreed to the proposition, and Messrs. Thomas, of Davidson, and Birdsell, of Wake, were appointed to superintend the election. The Senate proceeded to ballot for Mr. Spelman, 27; for Messrs. Syms & Hall, 18.

A message then came from the House, proposing to go into the election of Attorney General, announcing that the names of Wm. A. Jenkins and K. P. Battle, Esqs., had been put in nomination for that office. The proposition meeting with the concurrence of the Senate, Messrs. Burton and Harrington were appointed by the Speaker to conduct the election.

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll. The vote stood: Jenkins 29; Battle 17.

Mr. Bledsoe, from the committee to superintend the election, announced that the same number of votes cast were 161; necessary to a choice 79.

Mr. John Spelman, of Salisbury, having received 88 votes, was declared to be duly elected to the office of State Printer, over Messrs. Syms & Hall, those gentlemen getting 73.

Mr. Burton, from the committee to superintend the election of Attorney General, reported as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 161; necessary to a choice 79. Of these Mr. Jenkins received 88 votes; Mr. Battle 12.

Mr. Slaughter introduced a Bill to call a convention on the Federal Basis, to abolish capitation Tax on slaves, and provide for their taxation according to value, as other property. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Street offered a bill to amend an act entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce. Read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Erwin, Senator elect from Buncombe, appeared and qualified.

On motion of Mr. Avery, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 1860.

The House of Commons met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mason of the Episcopal Church. The Journal was then read and approved.

Mr. Morehead offered a bill to repeal the 11th section of the 3d chapter of the Revised Code.

This bill provides for "the election of Judges by the State at large." Read and laid on the table.

Pending the reading of the bill a message was received from the House of Commons.

Mr. Street moved that a message be sent to the House, proposing to go forthwith into an election for one Engraving clerk—nominating Mr. Joyner.

Mr. Folk moved that the motion be laid upon the table, which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Weston, the House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

### SENATE.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 1860.

The House of Commons met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mason of the Episcopal Church.

Journal read. On the suggestion of Mr. Harrington, was corrected, so as to have his name appear as present and voting.

The arrival of Messrs. Hatchelor, Shadé, Alfred and Ward were announced—whereupon they were severally quizzed and took their seats.

By direction of Mr. Speaker Dutton, the Clerk read the rules of order.

Mr. Fleming moved that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a joint committee of three to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, informing him of the organization of both Houses, and they would be pleased to receive any communication he should deem proper to make. Concurred in.

A message was received from the Senate of importance above. Concurred in.

Mr. Hoke moved a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go forthwith into an election of Public Printer, and nominated Mr. John Spelman for the same.

Mr. Forbes added the names of Messrs. Syms & Hall to the nomination for Public Printer.

The Clerk announced Messrs. Ransom, Forbes and Merriman as the Committee to wait on the Governor.

A message was received from the Senate concerning the proposition of the House to go forthwith into an election of Printer.

Messrs. Folk and Hoke submitted the Committee, on the part of the House, to supersede the election.

Mr. Forbes, from the joint committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, Esq., reported that the Governor would send his message at 12 o'clock.

The House proceeded to vote for Printer with the following result: Spelman 68;—Syms & Hall 54.

Mr. Bullock moved that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to go hence into session for Attorney General, and that the Governor would send his message at 12 o'clock.

The Speaker announced the House duly organized and ready for business.

Upon nomination, W. S. Webster, of Charlotte, was unanimously elected principal Door keeper, and W. H. Lovell was in like manner elected assistant Door keeper to the House.

Mr. Hill, of Caswell, moved that a Message be sent to the Senate, informing that body that this House was fully organized, and ready for business. Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Newby, the rules governing the last House, set to be the rules of this, until others are adopted.

Mr. Hoke moved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare rules for the government of the House. Concurred in, and the following committee was appointed by the chair to compose the committee:

Messrs. Hoke, Forbes, Hill, Person and McLean.

A Message was received from the Senate informing the House of its organization, and the names of its officers.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the House adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

### SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21ST.

The Senate met this morning, and was

opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Walhall of the Baptist Church.

The Journal of yesterday was then read and approved.

The Hon. David Outlaw, Senator elect from Bertie, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

A messenger was announced from the House, bearing the Governor's Message, with a proposition to print; the Senate concurring.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to dispense with the reading of the Message, it being usual to do so.

It was suggested by Mr. Turner that respect for the Governor should induce the Senate to have it read, and there being no further objection the Message was accordingly read to the Senate.

A message was received from the House proposing to raise a joint select committee, composed of two on the part of the Senate, and two for the House, to report regulations to govern the intercourse between both Houses. Adopted.

Mr. Walker moved that a message be sent to the House, proposing to raise a joint select committee to wait upon the Governor, and inform him of the organization of both branches of the Legislature, and to express to him their readiness to receive any communication he may wish to submit. Agreed to.

On motion of Col. Humphrey, of Onslow, a committee was appointed to draft permanent regulations for the government of the Senate.

A message was received from the House proposing to raise a joint select committee, to consist of five on the part of the House and three on the part of the Senate, to report regulations to govern the intercourse between both Houses. Adopted.

Mr. Avery moved to amend the bill, by striking out the words "and to be suspended for a time." Agreed to.

Mr. Arendell offered an amendment pro-

hibiting Banks from issuing while in a state of suspension.

Whole number of votes cast 157, necessary to a choice 79. Of these Mr. Settle received 151. Scattering 6.

Mr. Brown spoke at length opposing the bill. He regarded all Bank suspensions as pernicious and demoralizing. Suspensions were breaches of contract, and antagonistic to the best interests of the community.

Mr. Avery said his bill did not contemplate legalizing Bank suspensions, but merely the repeal of penalties thereto appended, that the bank may be protected from heavy runs by brokers.

Mr. Arendell offered an amendment prohibiting Banks from issuing while in a state of suspension. This elicited a discussion between Messrs. Worth, Morehead, Lane, Burton, Avery and Arendell. The amendment was rejected, and the bill then passed its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Arendell the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The committee to superintend the election of Solicitor reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 157, necessary to a choice 79. Of these Mr. Settle received 151. Scattering 6.

A message was received from the Senate with a bill passed by that body for the relief of the Banks, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The bill was read the first time, and Mr. Ransom moved that the rules be suspended and the bill put on its second and third readings.

Mr. Donnell called for the yeas and nays.

The rules were suspended; the bill was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Meares' motion, the House adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

### SENATE.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24, 1860.

The Senate met this morning, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, of the P. Episcopal church.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adjourned.

The Speaker announced the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Thomas offered a "bill to incorporate the Town of Lumberville Turnpike Company." Passed first reading.

Mr. Humphrey introduced "a bill concerning Free Persons of Color." Passed first reading.

The object of this bill is to prevent the emigration of Free Negroes to this State, and the removal of resident Free Negroes within two years beyond its limits.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Worth and Humphrey as the Senate Branch of the Committee on Euroled Bills for the work.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, addressed the Senate on the condition of the country.

Mr. Dickey from the Committee on Joint Resolutions submitted a report, which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Avery offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

On motion of Mr. Morehead, the bill to incorporate the Garden Valley Mining Company was taken up and passed its second and third reading.

The Senate then adjourned till Monday 11 o'clock.

### HU'S.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald, of the Episcopal church.

The Journal of Friday was read.

Mr. Waters introduced a resolution that the House hereafter meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Slade introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Resolved, That, without intending any menace or threat, it is the expression of this General Assembly, that in case any State shall secede from the Union, the General Government ought not to attempt coercion, and that the people of this State ought not only to refuse to take part in any such attempt, but to resist the same by all means in their power.

The House proceeded to vote.

Mr. Hatchett reported the result of the election as follows: Whole number of votes cast 157. Necessary to a choice 79. Mr. Pointwater 5; Mr. Kerr 1. Neither of the last two were named.

On motion of Mr. Folk, the bill introduced by Mr. Waters to-day was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McCleese, the House adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.