

New York, the 5th December, 1782. In 1797 he commenced the study of the law...

In 1802 he went to New York City, and there entered the office of Wm. D. Van Ness...

In 1808 he was licensed to practice as an Attorney of the Supreme Court, and returned to Kinderhook where he commenced professional business...

In person Mr Van Buren is about the middle height; his figure is erect and graceful; his frame, though slender, capable of much exertion...

From the Richmond Enquirer. Controversy with New York. We are assured, not only by the assurances of our Southern friends at Washington...

The sovereign States of this Union have not yet parted with the powers of self-defence. We can establish quarantine laws, to preserve the health of our People...

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refused to sign and sanction. Let us adopt the measure, suggested in the last Enquirer; a measure, dispensing with the 100 days quarantine of Georgia...

The following letter from a distinguished statesman recommends this inspection law, and enforces it by the remarks which we take the liberty of extracting:

Washington, 25th Dec., 1840. "The remedy, is the only one, which, according to my conception, can reach the case; and I think its efficacy and constitutionality are unquestionable."

"It would, in my opinion, have the most salutary effect. It would rally the whole South to the standard of Virginia, and place her at their head, with a higher stand than that she occupied in '98."

"I think there would be no fear of the hearty co-operation of the entire South. The slaveholding States lying on the Mississippi and its navigable streams, excepting Louisiana, may not at first feel so deep an interest in the measure...

Legislature of North Carolina. SENATE.

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A great number of bills and resolutions of a private nature, were acted on during the evening session.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, Jan. 4.—The bill to repeal an act passed in 1831, entitled an act to give exclusive jurisdiction to the Superior Courts for the county of Moore; and

The bill to amend the Revised Statutes concerning Pilots and Commissioners of Navigation, were each read the second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill upon the subject of a Penitentiary was read the second time and passed by a vote of 77 to 31.

The Preamble and Resolutions relating to the Public Domain were considered separately, and each one passed by a large majority...

Tuesday, Jan. 5.—The bill to regulate the measurement of Ton and Square Timber and Saw Mill Lumber, were each read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to incorporate the Trustees of Hopewell Academy, in Edgecomb county, was read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to establish and regulate Common Schools throughout the State, was made the order of the day, beginning to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and every subsequent day at that hour...

The bill for the better government and regulation of the Town of Murfreesborough. The bill relating to Vagrants.

The bill to compel the Militia Officers of Mecklenburg county to drill three days in each year.

The bill, giving to the county of Henderson a Superior Court of Law and Equity; and

The bill in favor of poor Debtors; were each read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Mendenhall presented a bill to improve the State Road from Reddie's river to the Tennessee line, by way of Jefferson in Ashe county, which was read the first time and passed.

The Bill concerning the collection of fines and costs from free negroes and free persons of colour, was read the third time passed and ordered to be enrolled.

Wednesday, Jan. 6.—The engrossed bill to authorize the making a Turnpike Road from Gatesville to the Chowan River, was read the first time and passed.

Mr Moore, from the Committee raised on Banks and Bank Suspensions, made a Report; which, on motion of Mr Winston, was, with the documents therein referred to, transmitted to the Senate...

From the Raleigh Register. Captions of the Laws. Passed by the Legislature of North Carolina at its Session in 1840-41.

PUBLIC ACTS.

1. An Act to prevent the cutting Timber into the Rivers of Cherokee County.—[Imposes a penalty for so doing.]

2. To lay off and establish a new County, by the name of Stanly. [Provides for the erection of a new County, out of the Southern part of Montgomery—the Yadkin and Pedee Rivers to be the dividing line.]

3. To make the elections uniform throughout the State, &c. [Provides that hereafter, all Elections, whether for Representatives in Congress, for Governor, for Members of Assembly, or Clerks, shall take place in every County in the State, on the same day, viz: the first Thursday of August, instead of different days, in different Counties, as formerly allowed.]

4. To amend the Revised Statutes, providing for the appointment of Electors or President and Vice President of the United States. [Changes the day of voting for these Officers from the second Thursday in Nov. to the first Monday of said month.]

5. To secure title and grant jurisdiction over a tract of Land on Body's Island. [Grants leave to the United States to erect a Light House.]

6. Giving further time to register Grants, Deeds, &c. in this State. [Allows two years.]

7. Amendatory of an Act, passed in 1839, authorizing the Justices of Iredell County to purchase a Tract of Land, on which to erect a Poor House. [Repeals that part of the law which requires the Tract to be within ten miles of Statesville.]

8. To regulate the time of holding the Superior Court of Moore, at its next term. [The term to commence one week earlier and to continue two weeks.]

9. Amendatory of the Act concerning the Seat of Government and Public Buildings. [Authorizes the appointment of a competent person to take charge of the Capitol.]

10. To compel the Militia Officers to hold their Commissions three years.

11. Authorizing the Governor to appoint an Agent in the County of Cherokee. [The Agent to be allowed 2 1/2 per cent Commission for collecting the Bonds given for the purchase of Cherokee Lands.]

12. Concerning Jurors in Yancey County. [Allows them pay hereafter.]

13. For the relief of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company. [Lends the credit of the State to the Company by en-

dorsing their Bonds for \$300,000, on condition that \$50,000 of the amount is annually paid off.]

14. Repealing the law relating to the Public Road in Buncombe County.

15. To amend the Revised Statutes, entitled an Act concerning Registers.—[Makes it the duty of that Officer to keep all his Books at the county seat, and to attend, regularly, one particular day in each week at his office.]

16. To expedite Legal Process. [Provides that where any bill in Equity shall be filed in any of the Courts of this State, alleging that some of the defendants are non-residents, the Clerk of such Court may at once give notice to such non-residents, without waiting for the Court to order it.]

17. To attach a part of the County of Iredell to the County of Wilkes. [Attaches a few Acres of land in Iredell to Wilkes.]

18. Concerning the collection of fines and costs, from free Negroes and free persons of colour. [Repeals so much of the Act of 1838-39 amendatory of the 68th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Insolvent Debtors," as relates to this class of persons.]

19. To give the County Court of Cherokee jurisdiction over the State Road in said County.

20. To amend the first section of the Act, reducing into one, the several Acts concerning Pilots and Commissioners of Navigation. [Takes the power of appointing Pilots from the County Court of New Hanover, &c. and confers it upon Commissioners to be elected, as provided for in this act.]

21. To amend the Act of 1838, laying off a Road from Burnsville in Yancy, to the Tennessee Line. [Substitutes different persons as Commissioners.]

22. To lay off and establish a new County by the name of Cleveland. [Forms a new County out of parts of Lincoln and Rutherford.]

23. Directing the conveyance of the Commons adjoining the Town of Murphey, to the Chairman of the County Court of Cherokee.

24. To amend the 53d Chapter of the Revised Statutes concerning the Governor. [Provides that the Sheriffs shall deposit their Poll Books, containing the votes given for Governor, with the Clerks of the several County Courts, and forward to the Secretary of State, a summary certificate of the result, taken from the Poll Books.]

25. To lay off and establish a County by the name of Caldwell. [Forms a new County out of portions of Burke and Wilkes.]

26. To amend the law concerning the fees of Coroners. [Allows Five Dollars for holding inquests.]

27. Giving the County of Cherokee a Superior Court of Law and Equity.

28. To lay off and establish a Road down the Blue Ridge, from the County of Yancy to Turkey Cove Creek in Burke County. [Appropriates \$1,000 from the State funds to aid in construction of said Road.]

29. In favor of the Princess Ann and Kempsville Canal Companies. [Gives to these Companies the exclusive navigation of Currituck Sound with Steam Boats, on condition of their removing the Mud flats.]

30. To amend an Act passed last Session, to prevent obstructing the passage of Fish up the Pedee and Main Yarkin River. [Authorizes the owner of any Fishery who believes that it has been injured by unnecessary encroachment on the part of the Commissioners in laying off a passage for the Fish, to petition the County Courts of Montgomery, Anson and Richmond for redress; and said Courts are to appoint a Commissioner each, to examine the matter, and lay off a new passage, if they deem it proper.]

31. Giving to the County of Henderson a Superior Court of Law and Equity.

32. To repeal in part of an Act, "concerning Bills, Bonds and Promissory Notes." [Fixes the rate of damages on protested Bills drawn in this State on persons in other States at three, instead of six per cent. as is now the case.]

33. Providing for restoring to the rights of citizenship, persons convicted of infamous crimes. [Gives to the Superior Court the power of restoring the rights of citizenship, under certain regulations.]

34. To repeal the Act of 1831, giving exclusive jurisdiction to the Superior Courts of Moore.

35. To protect the interest of lessors. [Exempts from execution such portion of any Crop as may be requisite to pay the proportion stipulated to be paid for the lease of the land.]

36. To amend the Revised Statute, "concerning the appointment of Guardians, &c." [Authorizes the Court to commit the custody of an Orphan's person to one Guardian, and his Estate to a different Guardian.]

37. Supplemental to an act passed at last Session, to amend the Inspection laws. [Imposes a penalty of \$100 on Inspectors, for inspecting Lumber otherwise than is directed by this Act.]

38. Supplemental to an Act passed at this Session, to lay off and establish a County by the name of Caldwell.

39. To amend an Act passed at the last Session, authorizing the making of a Turnpike Road in Haywood County.—[Adds other Commissioners and increases the Capital Stock from \$4,000 to \$6,000.]

40. Fixing the times at which the Superior Courts shall be hereafter held in the Seventh Circuit. [Cherokee, 1st Monday in March and September; Macon, 2d do. in do; Haywood, 3d do; Henderson, 4th do; Buncombe, 1st Monday after the 4th Monday in March and September; Yancy, 2d do. after do. Burke, 3d Monday after do. Rutherford, 5th do. after do.]

41. To enable the Commissioners of Raleigh to appoint Trustees of the Rex Hospital Fund, and to erect such Trustees into a body corporate. [City Commissioners to nominate five Trustees, to take charge of the fund left to the City of Raleigh by the late John Rex, and the Supreme Court is to ratify or negative the appointment.]

42. To amend the 58th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Insolvent Debtors." [Persons for whose relief this Act is intended,

must give notice to the Clerk of the Court which imposed the fine.]

43. To encourage the destruction of Wolves in Haywood County. [Allows \$2 for each Wolf killed.]

44. To authorize the laying off a Turnpike Road from Laxton Lynch's in Rutherford, to the Widow Sall's in Buncombe. [Public Treasurer to take \$2,500 in Stock.]

45. In favor of Poor Debtors. [Exempts from execution, in addition to what is already stipulated by law, one Cow and Calf, two barrels of Corn, 50 lbs. of Bacon, Beef or Pork, or a barrel of Fish.]

46. Making an appropriation for completing the Capitol of the State. [Appropriates \$2,000 for finishing the Supreme Court Room and Library, and the Comptroller's Office—\$20,000 for re-paying a loan to the Bank of the State—and \$9,374 46 to pay outstanding accounts.]

47. To alter the time of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity for Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties.—[Cabarrus, 3d Monday in February and August; Mecklenburg 4th do. in do.]

48. To prevent free persons of colour from carrying Fire Arms. [Makes the offence indictable.]

49. To authorize the Weldon Toll Bridge Company to subscribe their Stock to the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company.

50. To amend the Revised Statute, for preventing frauds and fraudulent conveyances. [Repeals the third section. Also declares that a voluntary gift or settlement, made by a person who is indebted, shall not be taken necessarily as an evidence of fraud, &c.]

51. To regulate the measurement of Ton and Square Timber, and Saw-Mill Lumber [Provides that all such Timber and Lumber shall be measured by board measure.]

52. Concerning the Superior Courts of Hyde, Northampton and Davie Counties. [The Clerks of these counties not to issue a certificate to any Judge until 4 o'clock on Thursday evening.]

53. To extend the time of holding the next Term of the Superior Court of Cumberland County. [To continue two weeks, if necessary.]

54. To repeal an Act directing the County Courts to pay fees to certain Officers therein named, so far as respects the county of Randolph.

55. For the establishment and better regulation of common Schools. [This is a very long Act, and exceedingly minute in its details. The principal provisions of it, are however, that the net annual income of the Literary Fund [exclusive of the monies arising from the sale of Swamp Lands] shall be distributed annually among the several counties of the State, in the rates of their federal population.—The county courts are annually to appoint in each county, [which voted for Schools under the Act of last Session] not less than five, nor more than ten Superintendants of common Schools. A School tax is to be levied in each county, not exceeding in amount one-half of the sum received from the Literary Fund, to be collected by the Sheriffs as other tax.]

The Board of Superintendants to lay off their counties into School Districts of convenient size. There are to be three School Committee-men chosen in each County by the people, who are to employ Teachers, and all free white children in the State are to be instructed. In those counties, where the vote before was against Schools, the people are to vote next August again on the subject.]

56. To authorize the making a Turnpike Road in the County of Henderson. [Appoints Commissioners to construct the Road. Capital Stock \$2,000.]

57. To provide for the election of certain Militia Officers. [Provides for the election of Major General and Brigadier General of the fifth division.]

58. To amend the 58th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Insolvent Debtors." [Provides that any person imprisoned by virtue of a Judgment in actions for damages to the person, property or reputation of another, or on a Bastardy Bond, after 20 days confinement, may be discharged under the Insolvent Law.]

59. To repeal part of the 13th section of the Revised Statutes, concerning the Supreme Court. [Gives the Supreme Court the power of electing annually their own Marshal to attend upon the Court, instead of giving the Sheriff of Wake the privilege of attending upon it.]

60. Relating to Vagrants. [Repeals the present Vagrant law and enacts that Vagrants shall hereafter give security for their good behaviour, and in default thereof, to be imprisoned 20 days, which may be repeated at intervals of fifty days, as often as the person may be guilty.]

61. To amend the Revised Statute, "to drain the Swamp Lands of the State and to create a fund for Common Schools." [Authorizes the Directors of the Literary Fund to employ Counsel to aid in investigating the State's title to Swamp Lands.]

62. To purchase a State Library [Appropriates \$1,000 a year for two years, for this purpose.]

63. To amend the Revised Statutes, concerning Wills and Testaments. [Requires Wills in conveying personal Estate, to be executed with the same formalities as Wills conveying Real Estate.]

64. To authorize the making a Turnpike Road from Gatesville to the Chowan River.

65. To regulate the time of holding the Courts in Rutherford and Cleveland.

66. For the relief of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company.

To enlarge the limits of the Town of Wadesboro, in Anson County.

To regulate the Jury in the County of Burke.

To incorporate the Trustees of Hopewell Academy, near Stantonburg in Edgecomb County.

To repeal an Act, passed in 1829, authorizing the appointment of a Committee of Finance.

To incorporate a Light Artillery Company in the Town of Newbern.

To incorporate the Greensborough Guards in the County of Guilford.

To change the time of holding the County Courts of Lincoln.

For the better regulation of the County Court of Cumberland.

- To incorporate the Concord Manufacturing Company. To incorporate the Beaver Creek Manufacturing Company in Cumberland County. To incorporate the Town of Rutherfordton.

RESOLUTIONS.

- Resolution authorising the removal of the Map of the Cherokee Lands from the County of Macon to the County of Cherokee. Directing State Librarian to prepare a Catalogue. In favor of Robert Woodside, Sheriff of the County of Brunswick. In favor of Samuel Terry, Sheriff of Richmond County. In favor of Pricilla Goodwin. For the relief of Thomas Faison and others. In favor of the Executor of Beverly Daniel. In favor of William Young, of Macon County. In favor of Travis Elmore, of Macon County. In favor of Philip Hodnett, late Entry taker for the county of Caswell. In favor of J. R. Siler and D. R. Lowry. In favor of Isaac Hunter. In favor of R. B. Davis and others. Directing the Secretary of State to deposit certain documents in the Library of the University. In favor of W. G. Lamb. In favor of the Public Treasurer. In favor of Thomas L. West. In favor of Mark H. Hill. In favor of James Erwin. In favor of John S. Russiwoom. In favor of J. L. Smith, of Haywood. In favor of John Davis, of Lenoir. In favor of J. C. Turrentine. Directing a loan of \$10,000 to the Wake Forest college. In favor of Geo. E. Badger and David L. Swain. Relating to the Comptroller. To pay certain contingent expenses of the General Assembly. In favor of Alexander and Benjamin Morrison. For repairing the Governor's residence and purchasing Furniture. [Appropriates \$3,000 for repairs, and \$1,000 for furniture.] In favor of Edward Benson. In favor of John L. Briggs. For distributing the Revised Statutes. [Provides for furnishing each Magistrate in the State with the first Volume of the Revised Statutes.] In relation to the Public Domain.—[Requests our Representatives and Senators in Congress to urge the passage of a bill to divide the proceeds of the Public Lands among the several States.] Respecting the re-opening of Roanoke Inlet. [Requests our Representatives and Senators in Congress to use their best endeavors to obtain an appropriation from the General Government, for re-opening Roanoke Inlet.] Accepting the donation of certain books from Hon. Edward Stanly. In favor of the Door-keepers. In favor of J. N. Crosby. In favor of George Little. In favor of John B. Love.



NORTH-CAROLINIAN.

FAYETTEVILLE: Saturday Morning, January 16, 1841.

Mr S. H. Bell, is our authorized agent at Long Creek, New Hanover County.

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EDITORS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Raleigh, January 8, 1841. Messrs. Editors.—The bill for the relief of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, which was rejected on Saturday last by a majority of 6 votes, was reconsidered and again taken up on yesterday in the Commons. After considerable discussion, the vote was taken upon a motion to postpone indefinitely, and lost by a vote of 49 to 67. The bill was again taken up this day, and the question recurring on the passage of the bill its 2d reading, was decided in the negative by a vote of 54 to 57.

The bill making an appropriation to construct a turnpike from Fayetteville to Salisbury was lost in the Commons yesterday, by a vote of 40 to 62. It appears by the vote on these two bills, that the Legislature is disposed to overlook the interests of the largest town in the State, and introduce a new system of Internal Improvement, which will divert the trade from the State, and build up other markets to the manifest injustice of our own. Of Cleveland, from parts of Lincoln and Rutherford, and also a new county by the name of Caldwell, from parts of Burke and Wilkes, have finally passed both branches of the Legislature. The Legislature has resolved to adjourn sine die on Monday next. In the Observer of the last week, your Correspondent is accused of disingenuousness in omitting the clerk of the Senate, in his list of officers elected by the present Legislature, please inform your neighbor of the Observer, that the clerk of the Senate, was elected by the Senate, and not by the Legislature. Yours truly.