REPORT UPON THE

CAPE FEAR AND DEEP RIVERS.

To Mess Alex. McRae, A. J. DeRossett, in Moore County, North Carolina.

GENTLEMEN: Having been engaged by Major Walter Gwynn, on your behalf, to make a survey of the Cape Fear and Deep Moore county, and having completed the reconnoizances, together with such instrumental examinations of the most difficult portions of them, as the time allowed me would permit I have the honor herewith to report the results, including an estimate of the probable cost of a slack water navigation to be formed by a succession of locks and dams, with occasional short canals

This character of improvement is admirably adapted to those rivers, as indicated by their inconsiderable fall per mile, (it being somewhat less than two feet throughout their whole length,) their consequently sluggish current, and the extensive natural pools already to be found throughout

their length. Knowing the importance to the friends of this improvement that the question should be ascertained in the shortest pospossible time, whether such a navigation could be obtained upon these rivers, to connect with the present Steamboat navigation upon the Cape Fear at Fayetteville and with a view to expedite the work, after organizing a party and procuring a suitable boat, I began the descent of the

I found Hancock's dam 12 feet high, and was told by him that it backed the water up for five miles above, with a depth of not less than 3 feet. Thence descending the river, I found a succession of small shoals, of Peter Evans,' Jr. dam, 24 miles from Hancock's.

From this point to Evans' Mill, a disof low summer water.

Evans' dam has just been rebuilt kets of Fayetteville and Wilmington. the deposit of mud and sand held in susriver, it will flow the water back to Hancocks Mill, 121 miles.

In Evans' dam, a lock will be placed of 9 feet lift, from which a boat will float directly into the back water from John Horton's mill dam, and through this fine pool of water for 61 miles to Horton's mills. The depth of this pool, at its shoalest place, which is 200 vards below Evans' dam, is 2 feet for a short distance, from which it immediately deepens to 5 feet and continues from 5 to 8 throughout its length-

Horton's dam is 374 feet long and eight feet high, over which the water was flowing at the time; showing thereby a plentiful supply. It is proposed to raise this dam one foot, which can be done at a small expense to insure 3 feet at all times back to Evans' dam, and thus supposing a lock in Hancock's dam, we find already formed

From the lock in this dam a boat will erected to lower them into river. float into a pool of not less than 3 feet for 83 miles from Horton's dam.

which it is proposed to use for 2050 feet. by a dam from below. It is now used as the race to Claig's mill; which is embraced in the estimate.

the navigation of the rich and fertile valley ing upon the cause: which was an utter of that river. But they are by no means want of skill in carrying out the improveinsurmountable-and when it is consider- ment. ed, as will be seen by the estimate, at what an inconsiderable cost the upper portion of properly directed and judiciously manof the river can be rendered navigable, it aged, will render the navigation of the will be understood that we can afford to Cape Fear and Deep Rivers, one of primaexpend an amount sufficient to overcome ry importance to the State at large, as well

head to the foot below Pullen's mill, is 34 of rock at that place. Here it is proposed, the items for which are present-

Pittsboro' convention held in July last, upon a ledge of rock making across the to take in charge the obtaining a survey river 2 feet below the level of the water and estimate of the probable cost of im- surface above. It will be 8 feet high, and The next pool will be 8 miles long and proving the Upper Cape Fear and Deep 381 feet long, including the abutments. will extend one mile below McAllister's Rivers, as high up as Hancock's Mill, A lock will be placed in this dam of 8 feet ferry, where a dam will be built 8 feet high,

the pool below of sufficient depth, and the next pool below, which will carry it dam. This dam will also rest upon a placed upon the first ledge in Smiley's will be 800 feet long.

feet lift, from which a boat will pass into about five miles over a succession of rocky a pool formed by a dam 1300 vards below. ledges, with no great fall at any one of them. a pool formed by a dam 1300 yards below, ledges, with no great fail at any one of them, fertile valley of the Yadkin river. built upon the site of Pullen's dam. It will leaving invariably between them, still pools be 8 feet high and 446 feet long to the island, of water, varying in depth from three to and Deep rivers throughout the whole extent of including the abutments. There also will seven feet, and in length from 200 to 600 this proposed improvement, are susceptible of an

out a canal through the level bottom in we approach the foot of the Falls. It will gation would afford. Upon Deep river, 12 miles which his mill race is dug. It will be be seen from this brief notice of their char-1026 yards long, of easy excavation, and acter—from the height of the banks and extends on both sides of that river for some 15 will require one guard lock where it leaves the admirable foundation offered for the miles above, and forms one vast coal basin, as is each, to drop the boats into the river, some- of pools of still and deep water of consided by Dr Smith and others. It will also for us the plan of improvement to effect the of John Horton, where the boring has been conrequire a waggon ford where it crosses the navigation through this part of the river. tinued for some 20 feet without finding the thick-

boats will float into a pool 111 miles long upon which dams can be erected to withand of sufficient depth, excepting at two ed fish dams upon them, which have withpoints, one at Dr Smith's seine haul, the stood all the freshets in the Cape Fear un-

About 21 miles below Pullens mill, and tions as they were originally placed. until I passed lower end of Murchison's finely situated upon an elevated second bot- which a lock will be placed of the same ment shall be opened. It has a rich back | cient depth to the head of Big Island. country in the counties of Chatham, Ran- The site for this dam is remarkable—the mines of coal and iron. tance of ten miles, I found a splendid pool dolph and neighboring counties, and will fall at the ledge is only eighteen inches, of water with a depth ranging from 3 to 9 be the point where all the surplus produc- but there is a rampart of rock running dred and eighty-five and four-tenths miles long, feet, at the then low stage, which was that tion of these counties will concentrate, to across the river seven feet above the surbe borne upon the navigation to the mar- face of the water, except at three openings

long, and leaks to some extent; it did not for the third time to leave the bed of the of 101 feet high—its total length from bank improvement, is it not as plain as the sun at fourth Resolution, pending the considerain consequence hold a full head of water river. Here nature has again stepped in to bank being 500 feetby 11 feet; when this shall be the case by to smooth the way for us, & we find a natural canal or sloo, which leaves the river | feet lift, to float the boats into the pool be- of Deep River, soap stone, and also a substance pension by the water brought down the just above the falls and running round the low, which will carry them 1 3-5ths miles very much resembling black lead. north side for 11 miles, again enters the to the next dam, to be raised upon another must carry you along with me, either by water river. This sloo has at this time a depth ledge of rock. This dam will be 6 feet 4 navigation, or if that is impracticable, by a portof from 12 to 18 inches in it, and is 60 to inches high and 750 feet long. A lock in age Railroad, over the country dividing the Deep

river at the head of the falls 5 feet high, upon the ledge at Hodges' timber landing, and transported upon the Yadkin to the railroad: and 720 feet long which will afford ample which will be 6 feet high and 600 feet long and if sectional boats are used, such as are in depth in the sloo, and back the water over | -through a lock in this dam the boats the shoals above, so as to give at all times float into a pool of water of 5 miles in this short portage railroad and launched upon not less than 3 feet water upon them. The lengthsloo will be followed 1 mile, at which point | This pool is intended to afford sufficient dam will be 9 feet high, and 180 feet long, on to Doctor's shoals immediately below bank below the old canal, a dam, of 198 tle River. feet long and 6 feet high, also 430 feet of damming 51 feet high, to connect some is-

purpose, as far down as the locks to be

There are the remains of several dams, depth, to be formed by a dam to be erect- two sets of locks, some half a mile apart, ed 200 feet below Thomas Farish's fish and the old canal alluded to; showing the dam. This dam will be 9 feet high, and efforts made in former years to improve 284 feet long, and will connect the pools the river. The general outline upon which at present existing and occasioned by the these improvements were last projected be 91 feet high and 400 feet long. fish trap dams of Thomas Farish, and Peter | was in the main current, but the details Evans, Sen. forming one continuous pool were so wretchedly carried out, as to render worse than useless all the morey ex-A lock will be placed in this dam of 9 pended upon them. The canal was in the feet lift, from which a boat will float into first place cut 1 mile in length from Bucka pool 71 miles long and not less that 3 feet horn sloo, and locks erected to lower the depth, extending to Claig's mill dam, a boats into Parkers Creek, which it was inshort distance below the mouth of Rocky tended they should follow to the river, about one-fourth of a mile. This creek is At this point, the first real difficulties an inconsiderable stream of about 10 feet are encountered and it becomes necessary width and 6 inches depth, which would to leave the bed of the river, for the first have been always filling up with the seditime in 391 miles. Nature has done much | ment brought down by it, to the obstruction to smooth the way here, and we find a na- of the navigation; even though the water well secured to the rock, connected by tural canal, or Sloo of 50 to 70 feet wide, of the river had have been backed into it cross ties, with the down stream end of the

river dam, which only holds water for 3 of the canal, and returning back upon it, will give sufficient depth over the shoals put up, which would have answered the cribs, well packed in with stone. Upon at the mouth of rocky river, and above that purpose very well, if they had have been timbers running length ways of the dam point back to the sill of the lock in the dam, property constructed, but the simplest laws along the face of the up stream slope, will upright posts braced at each alternate post. A dam must be raised over the sloo as with a single lining of one inch plank, and far down as we use it, and in this dam a with no other support whatever. As lock will be placed of 101 feet lift, from might have been expected, they were forcwhich a boat will pass into a pool of three ed open soon after being subjected to the miles in length and of sufficient depth, head necessary to pass a boat through them. formed by the erection of a dam just below They were miserable attempts at lock the head of Pullen's Fall. Some cleaning out | building, and it would have been far better | the lock walls. will be required in the upper part of this had the money have been thrown into the river; as the effect of their failure, although Pullen's Falls are the chief obstacles to some twenty years have past, is still found the opening of the navigation of Deep River, in the minds of many enterprising and inand to a casual observer, or those unac- telligent gentlemen, who look upon any quainted with the means resorted to else- further attempt at improving this noble where in surmounting similar difficulties, river, as utopian, merely because they fail-then. they do appear to constitute a barrier to ed at that time, without knowing or reflect-

ing over a succession of ledges running a mile below Northington's Ferry. This found advisable, and in all probability may lead to some saving in expense.

After a careful investigation of all the expensed to the fall from the ledge and 750 long, to be raised upon the ledge ses necessary to accomplish this work upon the A. S. McNeill and F. J. Hill, compos- feet 6 inches in a distance of 11 miles. • to take out a short canal for 440 yards on ed in a separate sheet, I find it amounts to (in-The 1st dam in the falls will be placed the north side, through a level bottom of cluding ten per cent for contingencies) \$185,600

and 527 feet long. A boat will float out of this lock into A lock in this dam will pass a boat into A lock will be placed in this dam of 101 cal character. These Falls extend for by the valley of Deep river, which now bears In fact, there are natural excavations and chalman also higher up near Dr. From the outlet lock of this canal the benches formed in these ledges of rock, water at which points, is now 18 inches. | and yet the stones remain upon the founda-

directly above the confluence of the Haw | The dam at this first ledge will be eight with Deep river, is the town of Haywood, feet, nine inches high and 445 feet long, in

where the river has worn a channel through

In this dam a lock will be placed of 101

there will be a dam erected over it. This depth over the shoals to Averashoro, and and in continuation of the same dam to the | Smith's Ferry, at the mouth of Lower Lit-

feet high and 350 feet long; it will not only create the pool above named, but it will the "Narrows," thus forming 400 miles of in From the sloo through a guard lock, the flow the water for some distance up Lower boats will pass into the old canal which Little River, thereby facilitating the raftwith a small outlay, a slack water naviga- must be widened and cleared out for that ing of the clamps brought down it, and remove all danger of losing them, as is now frequently the case when they arrive resources, assume that position among the comat the mouth of the river.

> From the lock in this last dam to Jones' be the length of the pool. Upon these north and south; but accumulating upon the Falls the last dam will be erected-it will | wharves of Wilmington, they would be shipped

From the lock in this dam, of 91 feet lift, the boats will float into a fine navigation to Fayetteville 15 miles. Some outlay will be required in this distance to remove obstructions, which is provided for in the

The fall from the foot of Hancock's dam to Fayetteville is about 178 feet, the distance being about 100 miles.

PLAN OF THE DAMS.

The plan of Dams upon which the estimate is based, is what is termined a crib contained in the above report.

WALTER GWYNN. dam. It is formed by longitudinal timbers. ties kept at such an elevation above the

PLAN OF THE LOCKS. The locks will be a modification of the "Com osite Lock"; the walls will be formed of well the lock, 10 feet apart, connected by cross ties | Watt, whig, as Sergeant at Arms. every 10 feet of their length. These cribs will be well packed with stone to the entire height of

tending entirela across the lock, laid close to gether, and upon which a double flooring will be laid to the extent of the lock chamber, and the tining of the chamber will also be double.

be constructed to draw less than the one named of July.

These brief descriptions of the locks and dams

In order that the committee may have a clear improvement to the interests not only of the country through which it will pass, but of the State at large, both social and commercial, I will endeavor to point out some of the physical features of the valley and of the country it will trawith me for a few moments the map of the State | Stock. of North Carolina; and beginning at Wilmington, the chief sea port of the State, we find the Cape 600 vards loug, which brings us to the 2nd four miles to the next dam, which is to be Fear River flowing through a broad and nobl navigation as high up as Hancocks Mill in rocky ledge. It will be 10 feet high in the rocky ledge. It will cross two islands be the valley, and steam boats plying upon it for 100 main river, but as it will cross two islands, be the greatest obstacle to the opening of proposed improvement we find still the broad and rich valley of the Cape Fear pursuing a north its average height will be much less. It the Navigation of the Cape Fear River west direction some 60 miles further, to the above Fayetteville, I will give their physi- junction of the Haw with Deep River, and thence its second reading. This bill provides for decidedly in favor of locating the Institute.

> The highly productive lands of the Cape Fear definitely postponed—yeas 34, nays 12. be required 170 feet of damming to connect two other islands with the first.
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> | Seven leet, and in length from 200 to 600 | this proposed improvements, which it would be amount of surplus production, which it would be difficult to estimate, could the proprietors of the Falls, are sixteen to eighteen feet them avail themselves of the easy and cheap Greensborough Female College, was taken wanted all the information he could obtain From Pullen's dam, it is intended to take high, but increase in height to thirty feet as mode of conveyance to market which this naviabove its confluence with the Haw river, we first been made upon the lands of Thomas Farish, on George's Creek, on the branches of Buffalo Creek, where about the new bridge, being erect- erable extent, that nature has marked out on the opposite side of the river, upon the lands

This coal burns with a brilliant flame; it is found from 3 to 5 feet below the surface, and is reaching to Buckhorn Falls, with no diffi- stand any freshet that my arise, as is abun- identical with the far famed bituminous coal of culty for that distance, even at this time, dantly shown by the imperfectly construct. Allegany county, Maryland, to transport which construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, other at Hawkin's Island; the depth of til the actual decay of the timbers in them, made of \$1,700,000, making together, \$11,202,-345, for construction alone. To this must be added the interest and loss upon the sale of bonds up to this time, of \$4,458,970; this swells borough was read a third time and passed. the amount to \$15,661,315.

The Report from which the above is extracted, says: "The prominent and main purpose of the canal, as a work limited to the valley of the Island, where I met, with the back water tom, which is destined to become a place lift to lower the boats into pool below, Potomac, is to lay open to the inhabitants of the and third times and passed. of considerable trade, when this improve- which will extend for 14 miles and of suffi- Atlantic States, the mineral treasures of Alleghany county; particularly its inexhaustible

Now, gentlemen, this immense outlay has been expended to construct a line of canal one hunless than the distance to the Deep river mineral region by 14 miles, and when we take into consideration the tariff of tolls necessary to pay the upon the rafter plan, and packed in with stone, about 3 feet in height. It is 190 feet in 1½ miles, where it becomes necessary channels through it, a dam will be raised small expenditure necessary to accomplish this

and coals in any of the Atlantic seaports? Hematite iron ore is also found upon the banks

Without desiring to weary you gentlemen, I it will carry us through a pool of 11 miles and Yadkın Rivers, where we reach an immense It is proposed to erect a dam across the in length to the next dam, to be raised and populous valley, rich in every variety of agricultural wealth, which would be collected daily use upon the Canals in Pennsylvania, they Deep River for the seaport of the State.

It appears to me there can be no doubt as to the profits of this improvement. That it would render the stock of the lower Cape Fear valuable, must be admitted.

In conclusion, I would ask what Atlantic sea-The dam upon Doctor's Falls will be 9 with the interior than Wilmington? Supposing the Yadkin valley penetrated and improved, as I terior transportation, which for economy and low freights, would not be surpassed by any other improvement of the same length in the country. North Carolina would then, from the products of her own bosom, from her own inexhaustible mercial States of the Atlantic seaboard, to which she has a legitimate claim, and no longer wit-Falls, the distance is five miles, which will ness the diversion of her products to the building up of the commercial cities in the States on her where the laws of trade might direct.

Respectfully submitted, By your obedient servant.

WM. BEVERHANT THOMPSON Civil Engineer. Raleigh, Dec. 22d, 1848.

I have carefully examined the notes and calcu ations upon which the above estimate of the cost of the improvement of the Cape Fear and Deep Rivers was made, and have no doubt that it is full and ample, with good management, under the direction of a competent Engineer, for the accomplishment of the objects contemplated, and I fully concur in all the views and deductions

Raleigh, Dec. 22d, 1848.

The manner in which the Governor of It was afterwards concluded to throw upstream end, as will give the proper up Virginia is inaugurated, is very simple and it will be necessary to take down Claig's away these locks together with half a mile stream slope of 21 feet horizontal to 1 foot republican. That functionary quietly goes vertical. These timbers will be of vellow | before a magistrate in Richmond, and takes feet, and construct upon its site a dam 5 lock into the river half a mile above. This pine properly hewed, and well tree-nailed the requisite oaths; and then. as quietly, feet high, and 1023 feet long. This dam was accordingly carried out and the locks together, and the intermediate spaces or proceeds to the discharge of the dutieswithout ceremony, parade, or show.

THE OHIO LEGISLATURE .--- From the at Farish's fish trap. Some clearing out of hydraulic pressure were totally disregard- be laid the sheeting of 3 inch yellow pine Columbus papers, of 2d inst., we learn that and blasting will be required, the cost of ed. The sides of the locks were merely plank, running up and down the slope, and the House of Representatives, after excluding the Pigot, Regan, Reinhardt, Sanders, Sheek, Shuford, well secured to the timbers by tree-nails. ing both the sets of claimants to seats from Simms, Spivey, Stanly, Steele, Stevenson, Stock Hamilton county, proceeded to the election Wadsworth, Walser, J H White, J J Williams, of officers, when Mr Breslin, dem., was C W Williams, Wilkins, Williamson, and Wooten elected Speaker, and Mr Mathews, Free newed yellow pine timbers laid length ways of Soil, Clerk. They also elected Daniel

> AERIAL MACHINE. - The Boston Post states that Capt. John Taggart, of Charlestown, Mass, is building a machine to navigate the air. The editor has seen a picture of the balloon, and a miniature of the The locks will be 100 feet long in the chamber, by 18 feet width, and are calculated for boats 100 teet long and 2 feet draft, and 30 to 40 tons bur-Treadwell, of Harvard College, and Mr I learn from Capt. Dibbel, that his steamboat Pook, the naval constructor, we under- Commons, providing for the better admin- acts heretofore passed in favor of poor debt-

the difficulties at these falls, and yet leave the average cost of improving Deep river quite low.

These falls are formed by the river flow.

The send at large, as well as to the Counties within itsinfluence.

From the outlet lock in this canal, a boat will float into a pool 6 miles in length and of sufficient depth to Douglass's Falls, half plan of improvement above presented may be plan of improvement and regulation of the town of the improvement and regulation of the character of the improvement and regulation of the town of the improvement and regulation of the improvement and regulation of the town of the improveme

N. C. LEGISLATURE.

[For proceedings of the 9th, 10th, and 11th, see 1st page

Friday, Jan. 12.

SENATE. Mr Ashe a bill to incorporate the North Mr Halsey's. Carolina Rail Road Company, which was read the first time. This bill contemplates a great State work -a Rail Road from Wake, followed in reply. He stated the a great State work—a Rall Road Holl in his opinion the building could be a Goldsborough by way of Raleigh to Char- in his opinion the building could be a tures of the valley and of the country it will tra-verse. To do so, I will ask them to examine lotte, the State to take two-thirds of the cheaply built and sustained near Ralein

laid on the table and ordered to be printed, ty in locating it here, inasmuch as it would and made the order of the day for Tues- be under the immediate supervision of the

Judicial Districts was then taken up on and inspect its actual condition. He was an additional Judgeship. After a debate tion here-of some length, in which Messrs Conner, Mr Ker Shepard, and Gilmer took part, it was in-

directing the President and directors of of corn and pork in this and other parts of the Literary Fund to loan \$7,000 to the the State. [Much laughter-] He saidhe up. Said Resolution was read a second on the subject, before he gave his vote and a third time and passed.

Wards was read a third time and passed; in the negative, as follows: also the bill to extend the limits of the the pool, and two lift locks of 101 feet dams and locks, as well as the existence clearly indicated by the openings which have town of Lincolnton: also the bill to incornard, Bell, Collins, Drake, Exum, Halsey, Patter porate Antioch Academy.

The bill to repeal the act of last session establishing the County of Polk, was then taken up and after some discussion was Kendall, Lane, Lillington, Miller, Moye, Reich read a third time and passed-yeas 30,

The bill providing for clearing out Big Rockfish Creek in the county of Cumberland, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr Murchison, the rules were \$9,502,345, besides a new issue of bonds recently suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

> The bill to incorporate the town of Golds-The bill for the appointment of Commissioners of the town of Asheborough, and to incorporate the same, was read a second

> > HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House now proceeded to the consideration of the special order of the day, to wit: the Resolutions on the power of Congress over the territories of the United

A debate ensued in which Messrs Stanly, interest upon this large sum, and compare it with | Courts, Caldwell and Dobbin joined, when Mr Cherry moved an amendment to the noon day, that you can compete with the Mary- tion of which, the Speaker announced the special order of the day, to wit : the en- teen minutes; which by the rules lies over grossed bill to provide for making a turn- one day. pike from Salisbury, west to the Georgia line, which was read the second time and

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for an amendment to the constitution of the State, so as to tion proposing that the two Houses of the establish Equal Suffrage.

Mr Leach moved an amendment, pending which Mr Kelly moved for an indefinite postponement of the bill and amend ment-yeas 19, navs 89. After which the House took a recess un

til the evening session. The bill the amend the Constitution of the State was on motion of Mr Rayner taken

The question then recurring on the upon the table; which was decided in the amendment offered by Mr Rayner, as a negative-yeas 44, nays 56. substitute for the bill of Mr Sheek, Mr Leach called for a division of the question, and moved that the question be taken on moved the indefinite postponement of the

the negative-yeas 57, navs 59. striking out all after the word "whereas" by striking out all after the word "resolved" and insert a substitute therefor. (The and inserting the following : substitute provides for taking the vote of the people, at the next election for mem- congress which shall directly or indirectly bers of the General Assembly in regard to deprive the citizens of any of the States, of an amendment of the Constitution.) This the right to migrate with their slave property amendment was decided in the negative- into any of the territories of the U. States,

ment, providing that the Senate shall hereafter be apportioned among the several counties according to the Federal basis, and the House according to the white popu- the States, deserve our severest reprehenlation of the State: which amendment was sion and should call forth the earnest and rejected-yeas 37, nays 66.

Mr T. J Person moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. Disagreed toyeas 21, nays 84.

bill as offered by Mr Sheek, it passed its of emigrating with their slave property insecond reading (more than three-fifths of to any of the territories of the United House voting therefor)-yeas 75, nays 26. States, and of exercising ownership over Those who voted in the affirmative are, Messrs the same, while in said territories, will be

Allen, Ballard, Barringer, Blackburn, Blow, Brogden, Canady, Carmichael, Clement, Coffield, Courts, Davis, Dickson, Doak, Dobbin, Edney Erwin, Farmer, Foy, A Gamble, J J Gambill Green, Griggs, Hackney. Hamrick, Harrison, Hayes, Headen, Merring, Hicks, Johnson, R Jones, R H Jones, Koonce, J M Leach, Love, Martin, Mast, Moseley, McDade, TSD McDowell, R I McDowell, McMullan, McNeill, Newsom, Nicholson, Nixon, Oglesby, Palmer, Pegram,

Those who voted in the negative are, Messrs Bean, Biggs, Brown, Campbell, Cherry, Farrow Ferebee, HC Jones, Keen, Kelly, Logan, Long, Mebane, Miller, McCleese, Nichols, Peebles, T J Person, Proctor, Rayner, Russell, Scott, Skeene Skinner, Smith, and C H K Taylor-26.

So the bill passed its second reading, and then on motion, the House adjourned.

> Saturday, Jan. 13. SENATE.

plying upon the Neuse River is 100 feet long by stand, have expressed favorable opinions istration of justice, was read, and on mo- ors; A bill to amend the 16th sec. 31st 17 feet wide, from the bow to the extremity of the project. Capt. T. has invested tion of Mr Gilmer indefinitely postponed. Chap. Revised Statutes, concerning Courts the paddle wheel, which is placed in the stern street in the stern street in the project. Capt. It has invested the paddle wheel, which is placed in the stern street in the project. Capt. It has invested to the project. Capt. It has invested to the project. Capt. It has invested to the project. Capt. The senate then took up the bill for the of Equity; A bill to amend the 8th and 3d. The depth provided for in this estimate is in by subscription, in order to complete the relief and assistance of the Wilmington sections 96th chap. Rev. Stat., concernno case less than 3 feet, and no doubt a boat can new carriage for the upper deep, by the 4th and Raleigh Rail Road Company on its ing Patrol; A bill to amend the 19th secthird reading. Said bill passed its third 35 chap. Rev. Stat.; A bill to provide for reading-yeas 22, nays 19.

three miles west of Raleigh; and this amen ment Mr Halsey propose to amend by so stituting "within three miles of Raleigh, Mr Halsey spoke in favor of locating there, after which Mr Gilmer withdra his motion, and the question recurred

as elsewhere; and in addition to this, On motion of Mr Sheppard, this bill was thought there would be a peculiar proprie. Government, and the members of the Le. The bill to lay off the State into eight gislature could visit it when they chose

Mr Kendall rose and inquired of Mr. Thompson as to the price of board for Me chanics in Raleigh ; and having been ne On motion of Mr Gilmer, the Resolution plied to, he proceeded to inquire the price

The vote was then taken on Mr Halsey The bill in relation to Guardians and motion to locate at Raleigh, and decided

> Those who voted for Releigh are, Messrs B. son, Rogers, Smaw, and Thompson of Wake-Those who voted against Raleigh are, Menn Albright, Berry, Bethell, Bower, Conner, Darid son, Faison, Gilmer, Graham, Hester, Joveen Rowland, Shepard, Smith, Speight, Spicer, Tho. mas of Davidson, Thompson of Bertie, Walker, Ward, Watson, Willey, -Wodfin, Wooten, and

Mr Woodfin then moved to insert Greens borough, and sustained his motion by speech. He was replied to by Mr Thomas of Davidson, who spoke for Lexington, and then Mr Gilmer followed for Greens. borough. Mr Woodfin's, amendment was

rejected-yeas 14. nays 25. Before the vote was taken as to Greens. borough, Mr Kendall rose and inquired of Mr Gilmer if wood was not scarce about that place. [Laughter.] Mr Gilmer replied in the negative, whereupon Mr Ken. dall proceeded to advocate the claims of

The question then recurred on locating the Institution at Lexington in Davidson county, and was decided in the arffirmative -yeas 31, nays 18.

And then the senate adjourned. HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr Keen introduced a resolution restricting the time of member's speeches to fif-

Mr Mebane introduced a bill to incorporate the North Carolina Railroad Company; which was read the first time and

Mr T. R. Caldwell introduced a resolu-General Assembly meet together in June next, for the purpose of devising ways and means to improve the internal condition of the State, and for other purposes; which

was read and laid upon the table. The Chair announced the order of the day, to wit : The resolutions reported by the select committee as a substitute for those of Mr Steel; whereupon, Mr Satterthwaite moved that the same be laid

So the House proceeded to consider the resolutions, whereupon, Mr Barringer striking out; which was agreed to, and resolutions, and addessed the House at the question to strike out was decided in some length in favor thereof, but subsequently withdrew his motion, when Mr Mr Canady moved to amend the bill by Stanly moved to amend the 4th resolution

"That the enactment of any law by and of exercising ownership over the same Mr J. M Leach moved another amend- while in said territories, will be an act of gross injustice and wrong; and that all efforts of the Abolitionists to interfere with slavery either in the District of Columbia or prompt disapprobation of every friend of the Union: And further resolved, that the enactment of any law by congress, which shall directly or indirectly deprive The question now recurring upon the the citizens of any of the States of the right an exercise of power contrary to the true meaning and spirit of the constitution, and never contemplated by the framers thereof."

Mr Stanly advocated his amendment at some length. Mr Dobbin replied, opposing the passage of the amendment and in favor of the resolution as reported by the committee; pending whose remarks the house took a recess until 3 o'clock, p. m. Evening Session.

The following bills were read the third time, and passed and ordered to be en-A bill to incorporate Rock Spring Tent

No. 180, Independent order of Rechabites, in the town of Wilmington; A bill to authorize the superintendants of common schools of Rowan county to invest part of its funds; A bill to establish a Board of Directors for the Deaf and Dumb Institution of this State; A bill to repeal the Sd and 4th sections chapter 100 of the Statutes of the Legislature of 1846-47; A The engrossed bill from the House of bill to amend and consolidate the several The senate then took up the unfinished ville; A bill to amend the act for the