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STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.
MONDAY, JAN. 19, 1857.

The Speaker announced that the committee on enrolled bills on behalf of the Senate for the present week consist of Messrs. Cunningham, Poole and Rivers.

A message was received from the House of Commons, stating that they have passed the engrossed resolution concerning the Mexican problem.

Passed first time, and on motion of Mr. Cunningham, referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion, Mr. Holmes was added to the committee on corporations in place of Mr. Cooper, absent.

Mr. Thomas of Jackson, presented a petition in favor of Cherokee Indians. Referred to committee on judiciary.

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Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Hillsborough.

A bill to incorporate the trustees of Warsaw high school, in Duplin county.

Mr. Thomas of Jackson, a bill to incorporate the forks of the Tennessee river turpentine company. Read first time and referred to committee on internal improvements.

Mr. Boyd, from committee on propositions and grievances, a bill for the relief of Thos. Wilson. Reported back to Senate recommending its passage.

A bill to establish the Metropolitan bank, which was the special order for to-day 12 o'clock, was, on motion, made the special order for to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Speaker announced the order of the day to be a bill to incorporate the Western North Carolina railroad.

Whereupon, the Senate resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. Hill in the Chair.

After some time being spent, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Hill reported that the Committee had had said bill under consideration, and it instructed him to report the same back to the Senate with amendments, and recommended its passage.

Mr. White of Gaston, offered an amendment to make Newton a point at which the road should pass. Rejected.

Mr. White offered another amendment, to release the citizens of Newton from their stock subscribed to the road.

Mr. Avery offered an amendment to the amendment locating the road in less than two miles, or constructing a branch to said town. Adopted.

The amendment of Mr. White will take effect if the company refuse to comply with Mr. Avery's proviso.

Mr. White offered another amendment, requiring the citizens of Catawba county to subscribe \$50,000 more, and touch Newton. Rejected.

The bill was ably advocated by Messrs. Avery, White of Gaston, and others, when the bill passed its second reading.

Mr. Cherry called for the yeas and nays. Yeas—17, nays 13. The Senate took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The order of the day for 3 o'clock (the revenue bill) being called up by the Speaker,

On motion of Mr. Cherry it was laid on the table.

On motion, it was resolved to take up bills of a private nature, on their second and third readings.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the Chew and Coalfields railroad was made the order of the day for Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

The following bills passed their second and third readings:
A bill to extend the town of Pittsborough, Chatham county.
A bill to incorporate the York Institute, in the county of Alexander.
A bill to confer a grant of land to Mr. Bell, Carter county. Passed over informally.
A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Protestant Female College passed its second and third readings.
A bill to incorporate the town of Graham, Alameda county, passed its second and third readings.
A bill to authorize Samuel Wells to erect a bridge across Neuse river, passed second and third readings.
A bill to incorporate Chowan College. Laid on the table.
A bill to incorporate the Indian gape turpentine company passed second and third readings.
Senate then adjourned.

present. This bill only provided a connection with the coalfields.

Mr. Long had no motive in opposing this bill from the good of his constituents; and while he introduced this bill, he could not help considering it a Danville or Virginia connection under another name. His people would be very much affected by it. He hoped the House would examine closely into it, and vote according to its merits.

Mr. D. F. Caldwell stated that a bill similar to the one would have passed in 1848, if it had not been defeated by the parliamentary tactics of Mr. Long. He thought the friends of this bill ought to be forward in good faith. His own opinion was in favor of the Danville connection, and he thought it the policy of North Carolina to have that connection, and was in favor of granting the same.

Mr. Thomas of Jackson, presented a petition in favor of Cherokee Indians. Referred to committee on judiciary.

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Mr. Bembury moved to amend the amendment.

Mr. Seale said he was informed that a few members of the House had recently asserted that this was a Danville connection in disguise. This he denied, while, at the same time, he acknowledged that his people ardently desired a connection with Danville. Providence had blessed Rockingham with coalfields, but their wealth cannot be developed as they are at present situated.

Mr. S. eloquently described the situation of his constituents between the North Carolina railroad and Virginia, without hope of extinction, if this Legislature should deny them this charter.—North Carolina had nothing to fear from Virginia.

Mr. Seale feelingly appealed to the magnanimity and generosity of the Legislature to give them the privilege of building this road with their own money, and thus enable them to work that wealth of coal, which, when developed, will be equal in value to the whole of North Carolina.

If denied, he would tell his people to submit patiently, but not contentedly to this wrong. He opposed the amendments, but would accept the bill, as his constituents were anxious for the railroad.

Mr. Ogburn spoke in favor of the bill, and commented on the opposition given by the people of Caswell to this charter.

Mr. Withers said he was not prejudiced against any road, nor would he log-roll in favor of any scheme; but after due consideration, he would vote against this bill.

Mr. Settle would accept the amendments if it pleased the House to adopt them. If it was the Danville connection, he would never agree to them, but with this bill they were useless. Mr. S. made a strong argument in favor of the bill, and regretted that such opposition was made to a bare charter to build a road without expense to the State.

Messrs. Settle and Seale successively stated that if the amendments were adopted, they would accept in order to get the charter.

Mr. Bembury's amendment to Mr. Badham's amendment was adopted, and then both were rejected—yeas 42, nays 43.

Mr. Green offered an amendment, prohibiting the road to be built nearer than ten miles to the Virginia line, and forfeiting the charter if they made any connection with any road running out of the State.

Mr. Settle made another eloquent appeal in favor of the bill as it was originally introduced.

Mr. Bledsoe was in favor of the bill, but would insist upon a clause prohibiting a junction with any Virginia road.

Mr. Scott spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Settle again spoke against closing the bill with these various amendments, but in order to cut off all probability of a connection with Virginia, he offered an amendment prohibiting the road running nearer to Danville than 10 miles, or nearer than 5 miles to the Virginia line.

Mr. Green's amendment was rejected—yeas 31, nays 50.

An amendment offered by Mr. Bledsoe, was also rejected.

Mr. Settle's amendment was then adopted, and the bill passed its third reading—yeas 73, nays 17.

House then took a recess until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
An ineffectual attempt was made to suspend the rules and pass the Rockingham coalfields railroad bill through its third reading.

Some bills were passed over informally.

The bill to establish a road and ferry over Pasquotank river, was read the second time.

Opposition was made to its passage, on the ground of its interfering with the vested rights of a ferry already established. The bill was supported by Messrs. Meares and Outlaw, and opposed by Messrs. Jenkins, Seale and Ferree.

An uninteresting debate ensued, pending which, at 5 o'clock, the House adjourned.

Commons proposing to raise a committee of Conference on the engrossed bill to incorporate Holly Springs high school in Wake county. On motion of Mr. Hill, laid on the table.

The hour of 11 o'clock having now arrived, the Speaker announced the special order of the day, viz: The bill to incorporate the bank of Lincolnton, North Carolina, which was read the second time. Said bill was amended on motion of Mr. White.

Mr. J. B. Jones offered another amendment to strike out \$1 and insert \$5.

Mr. White moved to amend the amendment by striking out \$5 and inserting \$3, which said amendment to the amendment was disagreed to.

The amendment proposed by Mr. J. B. Jones was agreed to. After several other amendments the bill was lost by the following vote—yeas 12, nays 20.

The hour of 12 having now arrived the Speaker announced the special order of the day, viz: The bill to amend by striking out three and inserting five. Adopted.

The bill as amended was rejected—yeas 12, nays 19.

The bill to attach part of Moore county to Harnett was taken up, and on motion laid on the table.

A message was sent to the House of Commons, stating that the Senate had passed the following bills and resolutions, in which it asked the concurrence of the House of Commons, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Indian Grave Gap turpentine company.

A bill to incorporate the Sheppard Point land company.

A bill to incorporate the Tuckeage land company.

A bill to incorporate the Yadin Navigation company.

A resolution in favor of William Thompson, sheriff of Cumberland county.

A bill to incorporate the Piedmont turpentine road company. Read second time and laid on the table.

The engrossed bill concerning the common schools was read the second time and the amendment reported by the committee agreed to.

Mr. Thomas moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz: Be it further enacted, That as soon as the Congress of the United States shall pass a law releasing the State from the payment of the fund deposited with the State, the distribution shall thereafter be made agreeable to the number of children in each county entitled to the benefit of the school fund.

Pending the consideration of said bill and amendment the Senate took a recess.

[AFTERNOON SESSION.]
A bill to incorporate the Greensboro' Hotel company in the town of Greensboro'.

A bill to incorporate the town of Yanceyville. Amended and passed second and third readings.

A resolution in favor of A. D. Davis, Jackson county, passed second and third readings—yeas 13, nays 9.

A bill in favor of Thomas J. Williams, sheriff of Surry county, after having been discussed by several Senators, and divers amendments being offered, was passed—yeas 22, nays 8.

After a few other bills of a private nature had been passed the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.
The House met at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Humphrey introduced a bill to revive an act incorporating the New river and Bear creek canal company. The rules were suspended and the bill read the second and third times and passed.

Mr. Hill of Halifax, gave notice that on to-morrow he would introduce a resolution limiting speeches to fifteen minutes, and requiring two thirds of the members present to take a bill from the table.

Mr. Reeves introduced a resolution to enquire into the cause of felling the trees on the capitol square.

The unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill to establish a ferry over Pasquotank river, was taken up.

Mr. Badham said the county courts had power to regulate these matters, and to give them an opportunity to go so he would move to lay the bill on the table.

their means the escape of slaves were facilitated. Mr. Outlaw moved to lay the bill on the table, which was adopted—yeas 61, nays 35.

On motion of Mr. Candler, the third reading of the bill to amend the charter of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford railroad company was made the order of the day for Thursday—yeas 69, nays 17.

The order of the day, being Mr. Lewis' bill to charter the bank of North Carolina, was taken up.

Mr. Lewis of Wake, said a bill to re-charter the State Bank had passed the Senate, and was the order of the day to-morrow. He wished to postpone this one until after the discussion on the other bill, and for that purpose moved to lay the bill on the table at present. Adopted.

Mr. Badham moved to suspend the rules to take up the Rockingham and Coalfields railroad bill on its third reading.

The bill being read, an amendment providing for the forfeiture of the charter if any connection was made with a Virginia railroad, was accepted by Mr. Settle.

Mr. Long wished to amend by striking out 19 and inserting 30 miles, of the centre of the coalfields.

Mr. Settle objected, and read extracts from Eumans' report to show 19 miles was the proper distance to reach Leaschville, which was the best point to tap the coalfields.

Mr. Seale said they only asked a bare charter to reach the coalfields, and nothing else.—This amendment would kill the bill. If it was adopted he would not take the charter, as it would be useless. Was Virginia forever to be held up as a *paragon* to his people? He would prefer the House to defeat the bill than adopt this amendment, as his object was to stop where the coalfields commenced. If the House would not give them this charter, let them grant a charter from Danville to the coalfields, to give an outlet to the mineral wealth of the State.

Mr. Long stated his amendment gave the road all it required without going so near the Virginia line and he hoped the House would accept it.

Mr. D. F. Caldwell, while he endorsed the good faith of the friends of this bill, would rather the coal should remain forever undeveloped than see it pass into Virginia.

Mr. Long made some further remarks in support of his amendment.

Mr. Withers corroborated Mr. Long's statement.

Mr. Ogburn advocated the passage of the bill, and commented on the piteous amendments offered with the intention of killing the bill.

Mr. Long's amendments were rejected, and the bill passed its third reading—yeas 70, nays 33.

On motion of Mr. Bow, the rules were suspended and the bill to authorize the payment of the 4th instalment of the Atlantic and N. C. railroad company, passed its second and third readings.

A bill to incorporate a railroad company to build a road from Beaufort harbor via Fayetteville to the coalfields, was taken up.

Mr. Elliott moved to substitute a bill which provided to build a road from Beaufort harbor via Fayetteville and the coalfields to some point on the Yadkin river.

Mr. Outlaw, in order to test the disposition of the House on the matter, moved to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. Masten said he would like to know what the substitute was—where it was to start, and where it was to end? And if the author of the bill was not willing to have his substitute read he should vote for Mr. Outlaw's motion to lay the whole matter on the table.

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