

June. Sheriffs and other receivers of public money to settle with the comptroller between the last day of June and the first day of October. The sheriff to return, upon oath, to the court of pleas and quarter sessions of his county, at the term next preceding the time at which he may settle with the comptroller, a list of all moneys which he may have received from the clerks of court, or as double taxes, from taxes imposed on unlisted property, or on merchants, merchant tailors, peddlers, licensed retailers by small measure, houses of public entertainment, ordinary or inn keepers, billiard tables, bowling alleys, stage players, sleight of hand performers, rope dancers, tumblers, wire dancers, circus riders, equestrian performers, exhibitors of natural or artificial curiosities, apothecaries, druggists, non-resident owners of studbooks and jackasses, horses and mules brought into the State for sale, sellers of carriages, buggies and other riding vehicles, manufacturers of riding vehicles on the sums of one piece or parts of such riding vehicles, and on all other manufacturers, upon the sums or amount of their purchases made out of the State, peddlers, brokers, insurance companies, agencies of banks incorporated out of the State, exhibitors of menageries, singers, dancers, Ethiopian serenaders, performers for reward on musical instruments, and others exhibitors for public amusement for reward, dealers in spirituous liquors, livery stables, county registers, auctioneers, commission merchants, and on any and all other subjects for which he ought to account.

2. An Act to extend the provisions of an act passed by the General Assembly at its session of 1854-55, entitled "An Act to extend the time for perfecting titles to land heretofore entered." [Extends the provisions of said act to January 1, 1859.]

3. An Act to authorize the inspectors of naval stores in the town of Wilmington to gauge the article of spirits of turpentine. [Allows inspectors five cents for each and every cask or barrel gauged. No other person to gauge under a penalty of \$100.]

4. An Act for the benefit of the Insane Asylum. [Appropriating \$35,000 for erecting enclosures, supplying water, &c.]

5. An Act concerning the coupon bonds of the State. [Authorizes the public treasurer to issue coupon bonds of the denomination of \$500.]

6. An Act to provide for the better securing costs in actions of ejectment. [Defendant to give bond for payment of costs, in case of failure, to successfully defend the action.]

7. An Act to change the meaning of that portion of the Revised Code which relates to fire-hunting by night. [Fine and interest of the act is to prevent fire-hunting for deer with a gun or gans, in the night time.]

8. An Act to secure the holders of coupon bonds of this State against loss by accident, &c. [The public treasurer to register such bonds, with amount, number, date, &c., in a book to be kept by him, and such registry to be evidence when the bonds are lost or destroyed. Such registered bonds to be transferable only at the office of the public treasurer.]

9. A supplementary act to take the sense of the people of the State relative to the proposed amendment to the Constitution. [People to vote for or against Free Suffrage on the first Thursday in August, 1857.]

10. An Act concerning registration of Sheriff's bonds, &c. [Sheriff's and Constable's bonds to be registered in the register's office, and certified copies from the register's book to be read in evidence when the original bond is lost or destroyed.]

11. An Act to amend the 8th section of the 45th chapter of the Revised Code. [Strikes out the word "seizure" in the 6th line and inserts "sale."]

12. An Act to repeal in part the 17th section of the 35th chapter of the Revised Code. [When a master of a vessel, on the Cape Fear river, refuses a pilot, such pilot shall be entitled to the full pilotage, as though he had performed the service. Repeals the law to the contrary.]

13. An Act to amend an act, entitled "An Act supplemental to an act, entitled an act to lay off and establish a county by the name of Polk," passed at the session of 1854-55. [Courts to be held and records kept at the town of Columbus, in said county.]

14. An Act to amend the constitution of the State of North Carolina. [The Free Suffrage Act.]

15. An Act concerning gaming. [Playing at a Faro bank or table a misdemeanor—fine not to be less than twenty-five dollars.]

16. An Act to extend the time for registration of grants, deeds and other conveyances. [Allows a further time of two years from the passage of this act. Does not apply to mortgages and conveyances in trust, nor to marriage settlements.]

17. An Act to amend section 6 and repeal section 7 of chapter 76 of the Revised Code, entitled currency. [Repeals the clause making it penal to pass or receive one and two dollar bills.]

18. An Act to amend section 7, chapter 17 of the Revised Code, concerning cattle and other stock. [Makes the killing of cattle, &c., on railroads prima facie evidence of negligence. The benefit of the act not to apply, unless suit is brought within six months.]

19. An Act concerning the Clerks of the Supreme Court. [Declares that 23d section, 103d chapter of Revised Code is applicable to each of the clerks of said court.]

20. An Act concerning the common schools of North Carolina. [Chairman to be elected on the third Monday in April—their official bonds to be good and valid against them and their securities until renewed, or until final settlement—sheriffs to pay over taxes collected for school purposes to chairmen on the first Monday in October of each year. General superintendent to furnish printed blank notices of the election of committees, &c.—sheriffs to post such notices. Board of superintendents to allow reasonable compensation to examining committees. General superintendent to collect and consolidate the common school laws, &c., &c. Governor to have printed one thousand copies of the general superintendent's annual report.]

21. An Act to provide for the distribution of the proceeds of the Literary Fund. [Provides for the distribution of said fund to the counties recently erected, or which may hereafter be erected.]

22. An Act assenting to the purchase, by the United States, of a certain parcel of

land on the Cape Fear river, as a site for a marine hospital and pest house.

23. An Act to create a sinking fund.—[Hons. Thomas Ruffin, W. N. Edwards and D. L. Swain, commissioners of said fund. All revenues derived from the State's stock in railroads, plankroads, &c., to constitute the sinking fund.]

24. An Act to prevent the felling of timber in Eno river, in the county of Orange, and Fisher's river in the county of Surry, Jennings' creek in the county of Davidson, and McAlpin's creek and Big Sugar creek and its four principal tributaries of the same name in the county of Mecklenburg.

25. An Act concerning trials before justices of the peace. [Extends the provisions of the act concerning the places of trial to Brunswick county.]

26. An Act to authorize the examination of the wife in certain cases. [Makes the wife competent to give evidence against the husband in prosecutions for assault and battery by him on the person of the wife.]

27. An Act to establish standard weights of grain, &c. [Makes the following weights constitute a bushel, viz: Wheat, 60 pounds; rice, 44; rye, 56; Indian corn, 54; buckwheat, 50; barley, 48; oats, 30; flaxseed, 55; clover seed, 64; peas, 50; corn meal, 46. Does not prohibit the buying and selling by measure. Penalty of \$20 for taking more weight, per bushel, than above fixed.]

28. An Act to amend the 60th and 73d sections of the 99th chapter of the Revised Code, entitled Revenue. [Real estate to be listed in the county in which it is situated. If lying partly in one county and partly in another, it is to be listed in the county in which the owner resides, if he resides in either. If he resides in neither county, the land is to be listed in the county in which the greater portion lies.]

29. An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Insane Asylum.

30. An Act concerning the institution of the deaf and dumb and the blind.

31. An Act to alter the time of holding the superior courts in Davie and Alexander.

32. An Act to repeal the 12th section of chapter 44 of the Revised Code, relating to evidence.

33. An Act further prescribing the duties of the public treasurer.

34. An Act to correct a mistake in the law of 1854-55, chap. 131, sec. 4.

PRIVATE LAWS.

1. An Act to give additional authority to the commissioners of the town of Tarboro. [Authorizes them to sell burial lots in the Tarboro cemetery; also, to sell a portion of the town commons, and to extend the corporate limits.]

2. An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of Davidson College," passed in the year 1858. [The amount of real and personal estate belonging to said corporation not to exceed \$500,000. Yields all title or interest of the State and the University in the estate or effects of the late Maxwell Chambers in the above corporation.]

3. An Act to authorize the securities of John P. Bridges, deceased, late sheriff of Hertford county, to collect arrears of taxes due for the years 1853 and 1854.

4. An Act to incorporate the North-Carolina and New-York Steamship Company.

5. An Act to repeal the 11th section of the act passed in 1854-55, entitled, "An Act to empower the commissioners of the town of Wilmington to establish streets in said town, and for other purposes."

6. An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Chemin Turnpike Company," passed at the session of 1854-55.

7. An Act to amend and consolidate the acts incorporating the Jonathan's Creek and Tennessee Mountain Turnpike Company, in the county of Haywood.

8. An Act to incorporate the town of Rockingham, in the county of Richmond.

9. An Act to incorporate the town of Yadkinville, in Yadkin county.

10. An Act to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Western Plankroad Company, and for other purposes.

11. An Act to amend the charter of the Western Plankroad Company, passed at the session of 1850-51.

12. An Act to incorporate the town of Troy, in Montgomery county.

13. An Act to incorporate the town of Thomasville, in Davidson county.

14. An Act to authorize Plankroad and Turnpike Companies to use stone and gravel in the construction and repair of their roads.

15. An Act to protect the citizens of the town of Wilson.

16. An Act to incorporate the Macon County Turnpike Company.

17. An Act to authorize and empower the societies of James A. Brown, late sheriff of Pitt county, to collect arrears of taxes due for the years 1852 and 1853.

18. An Act to incorporate the town of Siler, in Forsythe county.

19. An Act to amend the act incorporating the Wilmington Savings Bank, passed Feb. 24, 1855.

20. An Act to revive and amend an act incorporating the Camden and Pasquotank New Cut Canal Company.

21. An Act to change the name of "New Institute," in Iredell county, to "Olin."

22. An Act to change the time of holding the courts of pleas and quarter sessions for Chowan county. [Changes the time to the 4th Monday in March and September, and 8d Monday in June and December.]

23. An Act to incorporate the town of Waynesville, in Haywood county.

24. An Act to alter an act to incorporate the trustees of the New Institute, in Iredell county. [Changes the name to Olin High School. Increases the number of trustees to fifteen; and grants the privilege of erecting the school into a college when \$40,000 shall have been subscribed as a permanent fund for the endowment of the institution.]

25. An Act to authorize Samuel S. Biddle to build a bridge across Neuse river, in Craven county.

26. An Act concerning the militia in Union county.

27. An Act to increase the pay of witnesses in Duplin, Rowan and Robeson counties.

28. An Act to allow the clerk of the county court of Craven more time to make out his tax list.

29. An Act to incorporate the town of Marion, in McDowell county.

30. An Act to abolish jury trials in the county courts of Polk county.

31. An Act enlarging the powers of Green Hill Academy, in Haywood county.

32. An Act to regulate the fishing with seines in North river. [Prohibits fishing with seines from 7 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, until sunrise on Monday morning of each and every week. Penalty \$100.]

33. An Act to extend the time of payment of the bonds due from the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company to the State. [Gives five years from 1st January, 1857,—interest to be paid semi-annually.]

34. An Act to incorporate Albemarle and Suffolk Railroad Company.

35. An Act to incorporate the American Exchange Mining and Smelting Company.

36. An Act to amend an act incorporating the town of Stricklandsville, in Duplin county; and to incorporate the commissioners of said town.

37. An Act to amend the charter of the Atlantic and North-Carolina Railroad Company.

38. An Act extending the powers of the Roanoke Valley Railroad Company.

39. An Act to incorporate the Salem Cemetery Company.

40. An Act to amend an act incorporating the Qualltown and Oconalufita Turnpike Company, in Jackson county.

41. An Act to incorporate the trustees of Mount Olivet Academy, in Randolph county.

42. An Act to revise and consolidate the charter of the City of Raleigh. [Extends its corporate limits.]

43. An Act to authorize the wardens of the poor of Rutherford county to sell and convey the lands on which the poor-houses are situated.

44. An Act to amend the charter of Carolina Female College, in Anson county. [Allows the trustees to hold property to the amount of \$150,000.]

45. An Act to incorporate York Collegiate Institute, in Alexander county.

46. An Act concerning the courts of Granville county.

47. An Act to amend an act incorporating the town of Graham, in Alamance county.

48. An Act to incorporate the Warrenton Female Academy.

49. An Act to amend an act for the better regulation of the town of Clinton.

50. An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of Western Carolina Male Academy, in Cabarrus county.

51. An Act to incorporate the town of Albemarle, in Stanly county.

52. An Act to incorporate the Garysburg and Windsor Railroad Company.

53. An Act for the better government of the town of Gatesville, in Gates county.

54. An Act to restore jury trials in the County Courts of Robeson county.

55. An Act to amend an act incorporating the Western N. C. Railroad Company. [Authorizes the directors to open books of subscription for \$200,000 or \$300,000, or some intermediate sum, and when five per cent. on such subscriptions is paid in the State to subscribe double the amount subscribed by individuals. First section of the road to extend to Morganton. Road to be located within two miles of Newton, or a branch built to that village. Directors authorized to open books for subscription to an amount sufficient to meet one-third of the expense of second section, (which second section shall extend from Morganton to a point not more than ten miles east of the western portal of the Swansboro tunnel,) and the State's subscription of two-thirds not to be called for until the first section is completed and equipped. Subscriptions by counties to be made by a vote of the people, after the amount is determined on by a majority of the magistrates.]

56. An Act concerning the bank of Cape Fear. [Repeals the 17th, 18th and 23d sections of the charter granted last session. Gives authority to issue bills not less than \$3 General Assembly, within five years, may increase the capital stock to \$3,000,000—the State to be allowed to take as much stock in it as in the bank of the State.]

57. An Act to incorporate the town of Townsville, in Granville county.

58. An Act to establish a Superior Court in Harnett county.

59. An Act to incorporate the town of Barnsville, in Yancey county.

60. An Act to revive the charter of the Neuse river manufacturing company, and for other purposes.

61. An Act to re-charter the Bank of the State of North-Carolina. [Extends the corporate existence of the bank to 1865. Increases the capital stock, from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000; the State to take a half a million, \$3,000,000; and individuals may, within twelve months, take \$1,000,000; and whatever amount of the latter sum may remain unsubscribed at the end of twelve months, may be taken by the State, in bonds. New subscribers to have the preference over the present stockholders in taking stock. The tax is thirty cents per share, but may be increased to one dollar. Dividends may be taxed to the same extent (but no farther) as interest on money loaned. Bank required to loan \$200,000 to the State on sixty day's notice. A certain amount of one and two dollar notes may be issued. The other provisions are similar to those in other bank charters.]

62. An Act to incorporate the Mountain Railroad Company. [Road to extend from some point on the Western N. C. Railroad in Catawba county, to or near the town of Lenoir, in Caldwell county. No appropriation from the State.]

63. An Act to incorporate the North-Carolina Gas, Coal and Transportation Company.

64. An Act to incorporate the town of Columbus, in Polk county.

65. An Act to extend the charter of New Garden boarding school, and for other purposes.

66. An Act to amend the charter of the town of Hillsborough.

67. An Act to amend the charter of the Indian Grove Gap turnpike road.

68. An Act to incorporate the Hyde county steam boat joint stock company.

69. An Act to incorporate the Male and Female academy in Greensborough.

70. An Act concerning the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal. [The company to surrender the bonds guaranteed by the State, and the State to take stock to the amount of \$250,000, payable in six per cent. coupon bonds running 30 years. When \$200,000 shall have been subscribed and paid by individuals, the State to pay \$100,000 more. Company authorized to increase its capital stock to a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000.]

71. An Act concerning a public road in Yancey and Burke counties. [Road from some point on New Road to Piedmont Springs, and by way of Cranberry Iron works to the Tennessee line.]

72. An Act concerning pilots at Ocracoke and Hatteras inlets.

73. An Act concerning Greenville and French Broad Railroad. [Authorizes the company to construct the northern portion of the road, with such gauge as they choose. Directors may call for instalments of ten per cent.]

74. An Act to incorporate the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company. [Capital stock not more than \$2,000,000. No aid from the State.]

75. An Act for the completion of the Atlantic and North-Carolina Railroad. [Public Treasurer to loan the company a sum not exceeding \$400,000, and the road to set aside its profits as a sinking fund to pay the debt and interest. State to take a mortgage on the road.]

76. An Act to authorize the North-Carolina Railroad Company to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$350,000, running ten years, and to bear eight per cent. interest.

77. An Act to amend the charter of the Wilmington and Rutherford Railroad Company. [Takes off certain restrictions.]

78. An Act to repeal an act to fix and settle the dividing line between Chatham and Alamance counties.

79. An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Female College of the Methodist Protestant Conference of North-Carolina.

80. An Act to incorporate the trustees of Warsaw High School, in Duplin county.

81. An Act to incorporate the town of Germanton, in the counties of Stokes and Forsythe.

82. An Act to amend the charter of Pittsborough.

83. An Act relating to the Fayetteville and Albemarle Plankroad Company. [May use other materials than plank in the construction of the road from Little's Mills to Albemarle. Dividends to be made 1st of February and August.]

84. An Act to exempt from taxation and to fix the rate of interest on the bonds of the North-Carolina Railroad Company.

85. An Act to incorporate the Yadkin Manufacturing Company in Montgomery county.

86. An Act to authorize certain free persons of color to reside in Northampton county for the space of eighteen months.

87. An Act to incorporate the town of Jackson.

88. An Act to incorporate the Male and Female Academy in Swansborough, N. C.

89. An Act to incorporate the Shepherd's Point Land Company.

90. An Act to alter the line between Wilkes and Caldwell counties.

91. An Act to amend the 6th section of the 120th chapter of the Revised Code, concerning wreck sales.

92. An Act to incorporate the Oak City Guards of Raleigh.

93. An Act concerning a public road in Wilkes and Caldwell counties.

94. An Act to lay off and establish a public road in the counties of Davie and Davidson, and to establish a public ferry across the Yadkin river.

95. An Act to incorporate the Currutuck Hotel Company.

96. An Act to incorporate the Currutuck Steamboat Company.

97. An Act to amend various acts incorporating the town of Salisbury.

98. An Act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of wood and fish for the town of Wilmington.

99. An Act requiring the weighing of all cotton sold in the town of Wilmington.

100. An Act to repeal, in part, the act preventing the felling of timber in Big and Little Ivy.

101. An Act concerning fishing in Salmon creek, Bertie county.

102. An Act to amend the act incorporating the bank of Clarendon.

103. An Act to amend an act of 1852-53 to improve a road in Ashe county.

104. An Act to alter the time of holding the county courts of Davie county.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. A Resolution concerning the distribution of the Geological report. [Giving copies to clerks and reporters.]

2. A Resolution in favor of James Blevins, [Secretary of State to issue a grant to him.]

3. Resolution in favor of J. H. DeCarteret & Son.

4. Resolution in favor of Mrs. Martha Speers.

5. Resolution in favor of W. R. Baird.

6. Resolution in favor of Bedford Sherrill.

7. Resolution in favor of John Foster.

8. Resolution in favor of Sarah Avery.

9. Resolution in favor of Joseph Ramsay.

10. Resolution in favor of Quentin Busbee.

11. Resolution in favor of Thomas Diggs.

12. Resolution in favor of Francis L. Hawks, D. D., allowing him access to the records and library of the State.

13. Resolution concerning the Cape Fear and Deep rivers.

14. Resolution for the relief of William M. Rhea, County Court Clerk of Haywood.

15. Resolution in favor of the agent appointed under the resolution of the last General Assembly, to procure documentary evidence in relation to the history of North-Carolina.

16. Resolution remitting a fine imposed on William M. Daniel, Clerk of the County Court of Halifax.

17. Resolution concerning wood.

18. Resolution in favor of a Naval Depot at Beaufort, N. C.

19. Resolution in favor of Mrs. Eliza Hemphill.

20. Resolution in favor of James Morrison.

21. Resolution in favor of Elizabeth Kiasam, Administratrix of Samuel Kiasam.

22. Resolution concerning the coupons in the Comptroller's office. [Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller to procure some suitable instrument to cancel said coupons.]

23. Resolution in favor of Jas. Melvin, sheriff of Bladen county.

24. Resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, sheriff of Jackson county.

25. Resolution in favor of Alex. Johnson, sheriff of Cumberland county.

26. Resolution giving copies of the Geological report to the Engrossing Clerks and Doorkeepers.

27. Resolution in favor of Jos. Clarke.

28. Resolution in favor of Thos. H. Willie.

29. Resolution in favor of J. M. Lovejoy.

30. Resolution in favor of P. H. Dozier.

31. Resolution concerning the Executive mansion.

32. Resolution authorizing the Literary Board to change the debt due them from the State into State bonds.

33. Resolution authorizing the Governor to furnish the Departments of the General Government with the Acts of Assembly.

34. Resolution in favor of Sarah Charlton.

35. Resolution in favor of Samuel Williams & Son.

36. Resolution concerning Henry Troutman.

37. Resolution concerning the Geological Cabinet. [To be kept by the State Librarian, who is allowed therefor \$50 a year.]

38. Resolution giving the principal clerks of the two Houses \$125 extra.

39. Resolution concerning the statue of Washington. [Governor to contract with Mr. Hubbard for the bronze statue of Washington.]

40. Resolution in favor of Lemuel Wilkerson, A. C. Murdock and Hurdle & Hurdle.

41. Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to borrow money.

42. Resolution in favor of Frank N. Roberts and R. M. Orrell.

43. Resolution requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the clerks and sheriffs with copies of the Revenue law.

44. Resolution concerning the Secretary of State. [Authorizes Mr. Page, deputy, to countersign grants in the name of his principal.]

45. Resolution in favor of James Roberts.

46. Resolution requesting the assistant clerks to collect and arrange the records of their respective Houses.

47. Resolution increasing the fees of the Governor's private secretary.

48. Resolution in favor of the doorkeepers.

49. Resolution in favor of B. H. Stanwire.

50. Resolution in favor of B. Henline.

51. Resolution in favor of Jas. Blount.

52. Resolution in favor of W. Watson.

53. Resolution in favor of W. J. Savage.

Another Fatal Mistake.—On Tuesday last, Dr. Arnold, in the course of his attendance upon a little boy of Mr. John Eckhart, aged about five years, left a prescription which was taken to the drug store kept by Ernest Leffer, who compounded the prescription, but instead of putting into it a portion of chloride of potash, as directed, put into it a quantity of cyanuret of potash, a deadly poison. There was also added to the mixture some lemon sirup, which made the compound still more deadly, as its addition set free the hydrocyanic acid, making a poison more deadly than strychnine. A teaspoon full of this mixture was administered to the child in the evening, but it is supposed he spit it out. The next morning the boy was at breakfast, and ate with a good appetite. After breakfast the mother remarked there was no use paying for medicine unless they used it, and gave the child a teaspoon full, and it fell and died in a few minutes thereafter. Dr. Arnold, being immediately sent for, came and tasted some of the mixture, when he immediately felt such distressing symptoms that, with the bottle in his possession, he hastened to the drug store and took a powerful emetic. He was so greatly prostrated as to be unable to reach his house, and was carried home on a stretcher. Mr. Leffer, the apothecary, when the medicine was brought back to his shop by Dr. Arnold, asserted it was harmless, and immediately drank a portion of it, and in three minutes after was a corpse. He was a German by birth, about forty years of age, and leaves a wife and family. The anguish caused by these unexpected deaths in the bereaved families was heartrending. Dr. Arnold immediately received every professional attention, and last evening was considered out of danger. Inquests were held in both cases by Dr. Cunningham, and the jury rendered verdicts that the deceased came to their deaths by a prescription improperly compounded by Ernest Leffer. The prescription, as given by Dr. Arnold, was shown to be a simple and harmless one, and the fact of the apothecary fearlessly taking the medicine, with such fatal results to himself, shows that he was convinced he had put up the prescription correctly.—Hillsborough Clipper.

READ THIS.—Kentucky alone in a single year, says the Louisville Journal, loses more property than the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi do in ten. Yet there are no disunionists in Kentucky. No man here looks to disunion as a means of giving greater security to slave property, but on the contrary, as a preliminary step to driving all such property further South. If Marylanders, Kentuckians, Missourians, and West-Virginians find no sufficient cause for disunion in the grievance, but on the contrary view its increase as one among many causes for adhering to the Union, why should the other Southern States take our peculiar misfortunes so much to heart? We do not beg their sympathy, still less do we need their advice to instruct us how to understand our peculiar interests. For motives of their own they want disunion; and, well aware of the want of sympathy on the part of Marylanders, Kentuckians, and Missourians, either in feeling or interest with their plot, they are perpetually reminding us of our own peculiar grievance, but without showing how it is to be alleviated by the success of their disunion schemes.

WHY NANKEN WENT OUT OF FASHION.—In the days of our grandfathers there was nothing so fashionable for summer wear as Nanken. No gentleman would be seen abroad or at home in a dress of which this material did not go to the making of a portion; and as we ever fixed the fashion on questions of male costume, the mode was adopted in France, and English nankens threatened to drive all French manufactured articles for summer wear out of the market. Louis XIV, however, surmounted the difficulty; he ordered all executioners and their assistants to perform their terrible office in no other dress but one of Nanken. This rendered the material "infamous" and many a man who deserved to be hanged, discarded the suit because a similar one was worn by the man who had the hanging. So Mrs. Turner, the poisoner, being executed, in the reign of James I, in a yellow starched ruff, put to death the fashion of wearing them.

Hillsborough Recorder.
Union, the Constitution, and the Laws—the Guardians of our Liberties.
HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.
Wednesday, February 11, 1857.

Our subscribers in Alamance are reminded that Thomas Webb, Esq., who regularly attends the courts in Graham, is our agent, and will receive payments for the Recorder, and give receipts.

We tender our thanks to those of our subscribers who have come forward and paid up their arrears. But many have not made it convenient to call upon us; and as we cannot call upon them, we shall, of necessity, have to employ as our agents the constables in the several neighborhoods, to whom we must pay commissions, and we hope our demands will be met with so much promptness that no other expense will be incurred. A very little reflection will show to all who are in arrears that the Printer must have money, and especially does he need it at this season of the year; we hope, therefore, that payments will not be unnecessarily delayed.

We have made out the accounts of all of our subscribers who are in arrears for more than one year, and forwarded them either enclosed in the paper or by letter. Most of those residing in this county, if they do not come to town themselves, will have an opportunity of sending by their neighbors the amount due, during February court week; all others can send by mail at our risk. Unless this notice is generally complied with, our necessities will compel us, immediately after court, to commence collecting by agents.

We do not feel at liberty to dun those who are in arrears for less than one year; but these will see, by reference to our terms, that early payments will save them fifty cents each.

The Adjournment.
The General Assembly of this State adjourned sine die on Wednesday morning last, at one o'clock, after a session of eighty days; having passed thirty-four public acts, one hundred and four private acts, and fifty-three resolutions; the opinions of all of which will be found in our preceding columns.

The bill appropriating aid to the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company, was the most important of the business left unfinished. It had passed the Senate, appropriating \$200,000, on condition that individuals should subscribe \$150,000. Several members urged with great ability and force the passage of the bill, but it was opposed quite as strongly. Mr. Dargan offered an amendment that no person who had been a contractor or director should be employed as a superintendent, which was adopted. Mr. Colton offered an amendment, providing that the State should make advances only in equal shares with individuals; when \$25,000 is subscribed by individuals, the State shall subscribe an equal amount. This amendment was adopted, but afterwards stricken out. The vote being then taken on the passage of the bill, there were yeas 32, nays 54. The bill being thus lost, a motion was made to reconsider, and the debate on the bill was resumed. It appears from the debate that the State had expended some \$780,000, and it was argued that the State should not now withhold assistance at the risk of losing all that she had expended. On the other hand it was argued that the work was not practicable at any reasonable amount of outlay, and was therefore opposed. The proceedings upon the bill were cut short by the approach of one o'clock, the hour fixed for the adjournment of the Legislature, and it was therefore left among the unfinished business.

The Rockingham Colliery bill was laid on the table in the Senate, and therefore lost.

A bill to incorporate the Hillsborough Savings Institution passed the Senate, but it appears that it was not acted on in the House.

An important error, it appears, occurred in the enrolled bill chartering the Cheraw and Coalfield Railroad. The capital was fixed at \$2,000,000, the company to be organized when \$500,000 was paid in. Such was the intention of the framers of the bill; but by mistake, instead of \$200,000, the sum of \$2,000,000 was substituted throughout the bill as the sum to be paid in before organizing. This by some is considered as fatal to the project.

Insane Asylum.—The editors of the Standard have favored us with a pamphlet copy of the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane of North Carolina for 1856. From this report it appears that there were admitted since the opening of the institution in February last, 59 males and 31 females. Of these, 10 have been either discharged, elapsed, or died. Recovered, 3 males and 1 female. Much improved, 2 males and 1 female. Improved, 2 males and 2 females. Died, 2 males.

Sad Occurrence.—We learn that a very melancholy occurrence transpired in the eastern part of this county last week. Mr. Willis S. Jones retired to bed at about 11 o'clock on Friday night, but it appears that soon after he got up and went to a mill pond near by. From the tracks left, it is supposed that he first attempted to drown himself, but being a good swimmer his involuntary efforts saved him from that; he then went a little lower down, where it appears, from a large pool of blood left, that he cut his throat, and, after wandering about a little, plunged into the water. He was missed on Saturday morning, but his body was not found until Sunday morning. He was a young man, about 23 years of age; was in good circumstances, but had met with some pecuniary losses which distressed his mind, and it is supposed was the cause of his committing the rash act.

Shocking Murder.—We understand that a shocking murder was committed at the constable's election at Melville, Alamance county, on Saturday last. John Shaw, a man considerably advanced in life, stabbed his son-in-law William Gibson, twice, and afterwards threw a stone at him, breaking his skull, and causing his death in a few minutes. Both were drunk at the time. Shaw is represented as being very peaceable when sober, but a dangerous man when in liquor. He was committed to jail, to await his trial.

The Hon. Preston King, Republican, has been elected United States Senator by the Legislature of New York. In the Senate the vote stood, King, Republican, 14; Hendley, American, 9; Sikes, Democrat, 1. The House concurred by a large majority.