

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, Nov. 24.—On motion of Mr. Picott, so much of the Governor's message as relates to the cession of certain lands and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of erecting works of fortification thereon, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Picott, Iredell, Swain, Jordan and Whitehurst.

Nov. 25.—Mr. Carson presented the petition of Charles Lewis, of Rutherford county, stating his grievances resulting from the passage of a public road through his lands, and praying for relief, which petition was referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. Martin, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a select joint committee, to revise the fees of Clerks, Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables and County Solicitors; and to inquire into the expediency of compelling Clerks of Courts to make out their bills of cost and to issue all tickets in dollars and cents; and that the committee report by bill or otherwise. On the part of this House, Messrs. Martin, Scott, Miller and L. H. Simmons were named for the committee.

On motion of Mr. Love, so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Cherokee lands, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Love, W. W. Jones, Swain, Poor and Lewis.

Mr. Love presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the select committee on Cherokee lands, be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what allowance should be made on the score of interest, on the bonds remaining unpaid, of those individuals who have purchased lands reserved to Cherokee Indians, and who have but recently come to the possession of them.

Nov. 26.—A message from the Senate, informing that the Library committee, on the part of that House, consists of Messrs. Forney, Pickett and Gilchrist; and that Messrs. Davidson of Mecklenburg, Hill of Stokes, Hogan, Montgomery and Speight, form the committee on their part, on the resolution of Mr. Martin, relative to the revision of fees of certain officers.

On motion of Mr. Carson, Messrs. Carson, W. A. Blount, Bain, Bateman and Raiford, were appointed a committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Greene presented the petition of Jeremiah Garner and others, of Rutherford, praying for a revision of certain parts of the Militia laws; by Mr. Moore, of Surry, the petition of Hardin P. Franklin and other citizens of Surry county, praying the Legislature to repeal the act of last Session, authorizing Jesse Howell to erect a mill dam across Ararat were referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A message was received from the Governor, covering a communication from the Executive of Virginia, passed at their last Session, authorizing the Stockholders of the Dismal Swamp Canal Company to increase the Capital Stock, and requesting the same to be laid before our Legislature; which was read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Nov. 28.—David F. Caldwell, the member from the town of Salisbury, appeared and was qualified.

Mr. Swain presented a bill to keep open the French Broad River in Buncombe county, which passed its first reading, and subsequently its second and third readings.

Mr. Swain also presented the petition of James Kirkindale and others, on the subject of a Turnpike Road from Big Mud Creek at Samuel Murray's jun. to the South Carolina line—Referred to the Members of this House, representing the old judicial district of Morgan.

Mr. Martin submitted a resolution instructing the committee of Finance to inquire into the expediency of reducing the tax on Land Pedlars, and

Mr. Picot presented a resolution, instructing the same committee to inquire into the expediency of reducing the tax on Pedlars on the navigable streams of this State.

Mr. Wilson presented a bill to repeal an act passed in 1820, directing the County Courts to pay fees to certain officers therein named—which was read the first time and rejected.

A message was received from His Excellency, Gov. Burton, inclosing a Report from the Adjutant General of the State, in relation to the expenditure concerning General Lafayette.

The report and the accompanying documents were referred to the committee of Finance.

Nov. 29.—Mr. Clement presented a bill to declare in force in the county of Rowan, the provisions of an act passed in the year 1824, regulating the time of appointing Overseers of Roads in Montgomery and Person counties, which was read the first time, and subsequently the second and third times.

Mr. Polk from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported unfavorably to the petition of Sherwood Fort of Cumberland. Concurred in.

Mr. W. W. Jones presented a bill to amend an Act, entitled an Act to amend

an Act to prevent the stealing of slaves, or by violence, seduction or any other means, taking or carrying away any slave or slaves, the property of another and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed in 1792—which bill was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Love presented the petition of John Chambers of Haywood, praying for a divorce—referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Edmonston presented the petition of W. P. Poindexter of Haywood, praying for the establishment of a Turnpike Road—read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Iredell presented the petition of sundry citizens of the State on the subject of lands they purchased at the late sales of the lands in the Cherokee purchase, and from which they had been evicted by due course of law. Read and referred to the committee of Finance.

Mr. Dargan, from the committee of Privileges and Elections, made a report adverse to the prayer of Tilman Farrow, who contests the election of Littlejohn Pugh, one of the sitting members from Hyde county.

A message was also sent proposing to ballot to-morrow morning at 12 o'clock for Public Printer, and stating that Bell & Lawrence and Gales & Son are in nomination for that office.

On motion of Mr. Scott, a Select Committee on the subject of the Judiciary was appointed. Messrs. Scott, Iredell, Shepperd, Swain and Caldwell form this committee.

On motion of Mr. Swain, the committee of Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that licences to retailers shall be signed by the Comptroller and issued and accounted for by the Sheriffs of the several counties in this State, in the same manner that Pedlar's licences are now signed, issued and accounted for.

The resignation of Clinton Hantley, Col. Commandant of Burke county militia, was read and accepted.

Mr. Conrad presented the petition of Lawson Henderson and others of Lincoln, praying to be authorized by law to appropriate certain monies in their hands for repairing Pleasant Retreat Academy; also the petition of Ediza Bivins, praying for a divorce; and

Mr. Tillet presented the petition of Benj. Jones, praying to be restored to credit—referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The Speaker laid before the House a Report of the Public Treasurer, (for which see a preceding column,) which with the accompanying documents, was ordered to be printed, and referred to the committee of Finance.

Nov. 30.—Mr. Sumner presented the memorial of the Manumission Society of the State, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Moore postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Picott, from the committee on that part of the Executive Message relative to a cession of lands to the United States, reported two bills on the subject—one to cede to the U. States, a certain part of land called Bourget's Banks, the other to cede to the U. States an island at the mouth of Cape Fear river, which bills passed their first reading.

Mr. Spurgen presented a bill to locate the poor house of Davidson county; and Mr. Andrews, a bill compelling the Register of Rowan county, to keep his office in the Court-house of said county, which bills were read the first time, and subsequently received their second and third readings.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, a select committee on Divorce and Alimony was appointed, and Messrs. Williamson, Caldwell, Gauze, Skinner, Williams of Onslow, Gorham, Matthews of Fayetteville, and Boon, compose it.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the committee on Propositions and Grievances were discharged from the consideration of such petitions as have been referred to them on the subject of Divorce, and that they be referred to the above committee.

Mr. Underwood presented a bill to repeal an act passed in 1819, creating a Fund for Internal Improvement, and establishing a Board for the management thereof—read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to carry into effect the prayer of sundry citizens of Perquimons.

The following resolution was also received:

Resolved, That it be referred to a select joint committee of both Houses of this General Assembly, to inquire whether any, and what contract was made with Joseph Gales and Son, State Printers, at the last session, and that they also inquire for what price the Public Printing can be obtained.

Messrs. Speight of Greene, who submitted the resolution, Seawell, Forney, Love, and Jones of Wilkes, form the committee in the Senate, and in this House, Messrs. Scott, Bain, Blount, Cowan and Martin were appointed.

Mr. Underwood presented the memorial of the Grand Jury of Chatham county on the subject of a Penitentiary—which was read and referred to a

joint select committee, and on the part of this House, to Messrs. Underwood, Spruill, Miller and Marshall.

On motion of Mr. Picott, the Judiciary Committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to Guardians as to remove any doubts respecting the extent of their liability, after surrender of their trust to the court from whence they received it, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The resignation of James Holland, Lieut. Colonel of Lincoln County Militia, was read and accepted.

Received from the Comptroller, a statement, in pursuance to a resolution of the last session, exhibiting the amount of monies, so far as returns were made to him, and expended in support of the poor in the respective counties of the State. The exhibit was ordered to be printed.

IN SENATE.

Friday, Nov. 25.—Mr. Pickett presented a bill, to amend an act for the better care of Orphans, and security and management of their estates, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee. A motion to print it, was made by Mr. Vanhook, but negatived.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Speaker, on the several select committees, ordered on the Message of the Governor:

On the Judiciary—Messrs. Pickett, Gilchrist, Davidson of Mecklenburg, Alexander and Hogan.

On Internal Improvement—Messrs. Forney, Bethune, Love, Legrand and Wilson of Edgecombe.

On Education and Primary Schools—Messrs. Hill of Franklin, Sneed, Davidson of Iredell, Jones of Wilkes and Hawkins.

On the Cession of Territory to the United States—Messrs. Whitefield, Davis, Baker, Joiner and Gibbs.

On the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by Ohio and New Jersey—Messrs. Gilchrist Pickett, Speight, Davidson of Mecklenburg and Vanhook.

On motion of Mr. Parker, a committee was appointed on Divorce and Alimony, and Messrs. Parker, Matthews, Pool, Poindexter and Sanders were named as the committee.

Nov. 26.—Mr. Davidson, of Iredell, presented the petition of Silas Sharpe, praying the emancipation of a certain slave therein mentioned. Referred to the last mentioned committee.

Mr. Jones, of Wilkes, presented the petition of Elizabeth Witherspoon, pray- hereafter acquire, be secured to her. Referred to the committee of Divorce and Alimony.

Nov. 28th.—Mr. Speight presented the following Resolution:

Whereas, it appears that many deficiencies exist in our present Judiciary System, and to such an extent as almost to amount to a denial of justice, and more particularly in the Chancery Departments. And whereas, it is the opinion of this General Assembly, that upon a well regulated Judiciary System, (faithfully and impartially dispensing justice to individuals) depends the lives, rights and liberties of our fellow citizens.

Resolved, therefore, that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the propriety of so amending our Judiciary System as to hold Courts of Chancery separate and distinct from Courts of Law—one in each Judicial Circuit, and to be held by the present Supreme Court Judges; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Nov. 29.—Mr. Boddie presented a resolution, instructing the Judiciary Committee to enquire into the expediency of amending the several acts of this State to prevent excessive gaming so far as relates to playing cards in public houses; and that they report by bill or otherwise—which was agreed to.

Mr. Montgomery presented a bill vesting the right of electing Sheriffs in the free people of this State, which passed its first reading, and was made the order of the day, in committee of the whole, for Tuesday next, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pickett, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill to advance the Administration of Justice in Courts of Equity, and to establish a Court for that purpose, which passed its first reading, and was made the order of the day for Friday next, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilson, of Edgecombe, presented the following Resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, that the Constitution of the United States ought to be amended, so that Electors to vote for President and Vice President of the United States shall be elected uniformly, in each State by Districts; and that said Electors, when elected for that purpose, shall assemble at the Capitol in the City of Washington, on the last Monday in February, preceding the expiration of the term for which the President elect shall be elected; and when so assembled, shall proceed, (after organizing their body, by appointing a President and Secretary members of their own body) to elect a President and Vice President of the United States in the following manner: Each elector shall give in his ballot for some one person, a native born citizen of

the United States, depending on the same, the name of the person and the State of which he is a resident, for President of the United States; and the person receiving a majority of the whole number of Electors, shall be declared duly elected President of the United States. But after counting the ballots, if it shall be found, that no person in nomination shall have received a majority of the whole number of Electors, they shall proceed to a second ballot, voting in the second place only for the slow highest on the list of those voted for on the first ballot, and if on the second ballot, neither of the three voted for shall have received a majority of the whole number of electors, then they shall proceed to ballot the third time, voting only, on the third ballot, for the two highest on the list, at the second ballot. And the person who shall receive the greatest number of votes on the third balloting, shall be declared to be duly elected President of the United States, for four years from and after the fourth day of March next ensuing. And the Vice President of the United States shall be elected in like manner as the President.

Resolved, that our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their exertions in obtaining the foregoing amendments to the Constitution of the U. States, and that the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the said Resolution to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, and also to the Governors of each of the States in the Union.

The foregoing being read, was referred to the committee on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the U. States, as respects President and Vice-President.

Nov. 30.—Mr. Jones of Wilkes, presented a bill to amend the several acts of Assembly passed to extend and improve the State Road leading from Wilkesboro' to the foot of the Laurel Hill, by the way of Holman's ford, in Wilkes county, &c. also a bill to repeal in part, an act passed in 1811, for the better regulation of Roads in the counties of Buncombe, Haywood, Burke, Wilkes and Ashe.

LIFE FROM EUROPE.

The New-York papers of Saturday announce the arrival of the packet ship Columbia, in 34 days from Liverpool, bringing Liverpool papers to the 23d ult. inclusive. The Queen Mab has also arrived from Havre, which place she left on the 16th ult. Although the news brought by these vessels is by no means important, considered in the aggregate, there are various items of interesting information.

The resignation of Lord Chief Justice Abbot is mentioned as a probable event, in consequence of ill-health. The Attorney General is spoken of as his successor.

Sir Walter Scott is seriously engaged in writing the life of Napoleon Bonaparte. His son-in-law, Mr. Lockhart, is engaged in writing a life of Burns. His son has recently been made an aid de-

The British Press says that accounts have been received from India, confirming the hopes of a speedy termination of hostilities, and stating that the Burmese have agreed to pay all the expenses to which the Company have been put on account of the war.

Advices from Corfu, of the 17th September, and the Greek Chronicle of the 4th published at Missolonghi, stated that the Greeks have made a rally on the Furks, who lost 700 men. One of their batteries was also destroyed. Ibrahim Pacha had lost in late engagements 300 Arabs, and is said to have abandoned his troops at Trinopolis, and taken refuge at Neocastro. Missolonghi had been again supplied with provisions. The Greeks in Candia were gaining fresh victories, and presented a considerable obstacle in the way of the new Egyptian expedition.

The Paris-Moniteur, of the 16th October, contains an official report of the state of the revenue of France, for the first nine months of the year. The produce for the first three quarters of 1824, amounted to 799,763,000 francs (or 30,670,920L.) and that for the same period in 1823, to 779,101,000 francs. There has thus been an increase of more than half a million sterling in the course of nine months.

Propositions have been made to the King of Spain by the Ambassador of England and France, for the recognition of South American Independence; but Ferdinand was inexorable.

The King of Bavaria died on the 13th ult. in the 70th year of his age.

Died, at Paris, the Prince de Carignan, aged 36. He died in his carriage.

Died, at Vendermont, in Lorraine, a surgeon, called Pulo-Timan, aged 140 years. He, the evening before, with much dexterity and firmness of hand, performed the operation for cancer, on an old woman.

A letter from Mexico, August 13, states that the great Banker, Baring, has purchased 300,000 square leagues of land with mines, and 300,000 head of sheep upon it, for 930,000 dollars. One of the London papers says there must be a mistake in this, as 300,000 square leagues would make it equal to 1800 miles long, by 1500 miles broad, or 2,700,000 square miles—a trifle larger, we guess, than all Europe. The estate does not seem to be overstocked, as according to the letter, there are four sheep, for six square leagues, or one leg of mutton for 6 square miles.

Italy.—As late as the 24th of September, His Holiness the Pope continued very ill. It was at that time affirmed at Rome, that the Cabinet of France has offered to the Roman Court its mediation with respect to the concordat which it desires to conclude with the new States of America.

The attention of the Spanish cabinet was much occupied with the subject of their colonies in America; and it appears pretty certain that the French and Spanish Ambassadors have called upon Spain to recognize on certain conditions, the new states of South America. It is also said that the mediation of England was offered. The Spanish Minister replied that the King was opposed to all absolute recognition of his former colonies.

Russia.—An Imperial Ukase has been issued, compelling the clergy to conform in their dress to the ancient usages of the church.

London, Oct. 17.—We are sorry to announce the failure of Captain Parry's third attempt to effect the north-west passage, which was suddenly frustrated by an unexpected accident, while every thing bore a favorable appearance. The two ships reached Prince Rupert's inlet in September last year. Port Bowen, in which they spent a dreary winter of nearly ten months, is in lat 73, and lon. 89. They left that place on the 19th of July, when the ice broke up, and twelve days after this, while working southwards, exploring the inlet, the shipwreck of the Fury compelled them to forego the further prosecution of their discoveries.

We regret to perceive by the Paris papers, that an affray took place between the military and the inhabitants of Rouen, who had assembled to see and welcome General LA FAYETTE, which terminated in the destruction of some of the citizens.

GUILFORD CATTLE SHOW.

A friend has communicated to us the following brief sketch of the meeting of the Agricultural Society at Greensborough.

The Guilford Agricultural Society held their annual meeting at Greensborough, agreeably to notice, on the 11th inst. when there was very great display of domestic articles. The blankets were of fine quality, and some credit to an older institution. We were sorry to see no greater competition in live stock. There was one fat ox exhibited, that would not have disgraced a northern cattle show. One of the members, Mr. Ellib Coffin, raised 80 bushels and 4 quarts of good corn on one acre of land; and Mr. Abel Gardner, 77 bushels of good corn on one acre of reclaimed land. I will send you their method of planting and cultivation as soon as it is received. There was no competition for the premium for cotton; the prize was given to Daniel Jones, who raised 100 lbs. on an acre. There was several very fine colts showed, to several of which there were awarded discretionary premiums.

Hillsboro Recorder.

Tennessee.—According to the report of the Committee of Finance of the Tennessee Legislature, it appears that on settling the public account with T. Crutcher, Treasurer of West Tennessee, there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$67,962 79 3/4.

The New-York American says, "we have the fact from an unquestionable source, that the famous leak in the upper works of the Brandywine, was so trifling, that if the wind was fair, she would not wait a moment at Coves to caulk her seams—no ammunition was thrown over."

MR. BROWER and Mr. JEFFERSON.

From an article in the Richmond Enquirer, it appears that Mr. Brower, who lately took a bust of the venerable Jefferson, came very near suffocating him. The artist attempted to take the whole of the head at once, instead of pursuing the usual course; and the plaster was permitted to get so hard, so the paper says, that it had to be broken with a hammer and chisel, and separated from parts of the neck with a knife! At one time it was thought that the old gentleman would lose his ears, so firmly did the plaster adhere to them. And is this the way to hand down to future generations the busts of our great philosophers and statesmen? Mr. Brower, Mr. Brower, what liberties you are taking with the ex heads of the nation.

From the Elizabeth City (North Carolina) Star.

The schr. Harvest, Capt. Sevey, on her passage from Baltimore to Charleston, was cast away on Wednesday on Bodys Island. There were several passengers on board, among whom were Lieut. GUMME of the navy, his wife, child and nurse. By a gentleman who arrived here from the wreck, we regret to learn that Lieut. G. while giving some orders on board the vessel at the time she struck, fell and expired instantly. The child, the cook and a boy were lost by attempting to come ashore in a boat which capsized. Mrs. Grimke got safe on shore, and has taken passage for this place, where she is hourly expected.

A letter from Havana, dated Oct. 20, states that upwards of 12,000 barrels of flour had been imported within a fortnight. The price had consequently declined, being 8 1/2 to 15 50 per bbl.

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