

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 9.—The other House having concurred in the amendments made by the Senate to the engrossed bill to amend the act of 1830, for the better regulation of the County Courts of Ruth...

Mr. King presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Iredell county, in relation to the duty of constables.

Mr. Stokes, from the committee of Finance, reported a bill to allow further time for the payment of the purchase money on entries for vacant land made in 1824, which lapsed on the 15th December, 1825.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.—Mr. Forney presented the petition of Elizabeth Kilton, praying to have secured to her the property she may hereafter acquire. Referred to the committee of Divorce and Alimony.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Martin, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, compelling the owners of slaves to pay the burial charges, when a jury of inquest has been held over their bodies.

The following engrossed bills from the other House, passed their first second and third readings and were ordered to be enrolled: the bill to amend the act of 1815, for the destruction of Wolves in Ashe county, and the bill to legitimate certain persons therein named.

The bill to authorize the County Court of Guilford to appoint a Committee of Finance, was read the second time, and amended, on motion of Mr. Smith, by extending its provisions so as to apply to Davidson county. It was read the third time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stokes presented a bill to regulate the payment of claims against the several counties in this State; which passed its first reading.

The following bill was read and ordered to be engrossed: The bill to explain and amend the act of 1823, authorizing the County Courts to require administrators and others to give counter security upon the petition of their securities.

Thursday, Jan. 11.—Mr. McDowell presented the petition of Samuel Jenkins of Buncombe, praying to be restored to credit; and Mr. Hill of Stokes, the petition of John Gibson, on the subject of divorces.

On motion of Mr. Sharpe, the Judiciary committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the laws relating to the discharge of Officers after years, may be discharged from further services.

Mr. Pickett introduced a bill to prevent frauds and perjury in certain cases.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Forney, in the Chair, on the bill to amend the emancipation Laws of this State. [This bill provides that hereafter, when the owner of any slave obtains a licence to manumit such slave, he shall give bond and security in \$1000 that the slave shall within six months remove from the State, and never again return to reside therein.]

Mr. Yancy moved to amend the bill by adding a new section, which provides "that no slave shall hereafter be emancipated in this State, except on the express condition, that they shall leave the State never more to return, or in case they do return, they shall be sold by order of any County Court and the proceeds be applied to county uses." After some debate, this amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed its second reading.

Friday, Jan. 12.—Mr. Love from the Committee of Claims, reported unfavorably to the petition of Robert Gracy, a Revolutionary soldier. Concurred in.

Mr. Riddick presented a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of making the laws relative to Usury more penal.

The bill to allow further time for the payment of the purchase money on entries of vacant lands, was read the second and third time and passed without debate.

The bill to regulate the payment of claims, against the several counties in this state, having been read the second time, Mr. Forney said it appeared to be general in its provisions, and therefore of importance, he moved that it lie on the table and be printed, which was agreed to. [The bill provides that from and after the passage thereof, claims against the several counties, within the state, which have been legally allowed by the clerks of the superior and county courts, shall be registered by the county trustees within — days after such claims are allowed. It further provides that all claims against any county issued previous to the first of May, 1827, shall be registered by the county trustee, within — days after said first day of May, or be barred; and no certificate or claim which shall not have been paid off before the said first of May, shall be received from any county trustee in the settlement of his accounts, unless the person to whom it is due, shall sign a receipt on the back.]

Saturday, Jan. 13.—Mr. Forney, from the committee of Internal Improve-

ments, to whom was referred the bill to establish and regulate a Turnpike Road from the mouth of the Turnpike River in Polk's Gap in the Smoky mountains, on the Tennessee line, reported the same with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill passed its second and third reading, and was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Spaight of Craven, presented a bill further to amend the act making the practice of a Notary Public evidence in certain cases.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, Jan. 8.—Mr. Swain presented the petition of Felix Walker, relative to the Cherokee lands.

Mr. Strange, from the committee of Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the bill to empower Joseph Houston to erect gates across certain roads, reported that it is expedient to pass the same; which report was concurred in. Mr. Allison then moved for the indefinite postponement of the bill; which was agreed, and the bill passed its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allison, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing Sheriffs, in all cases of indictment for assault and battery, to receive, as a discharge from persons in indigent circumstances or dered into their custody, bond and security for the fine and costs, payable at the ensuing term.

Mr. Settle, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Stokes county, together with the counter petition, in relation to an alteration in the boundary lines of said county, reported against the expediency of such alteration; which report was concurred in.

Mr. Bin, from the committee of Divorce and Alimony, reported unfavorably to the petition of Mary Caldwell, of Iredell, for a divorce from her husband. Concurred in.

Mr. Jones, of Warren, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of 1809, providing how persons injured by the erection of public mills shall proceed to recover damages, reported that it is inexpedient to make any alteration in said law. Concurred in.

Tuesday, Jan. 9.—On Motion of Mr. Foy, the committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to the levying of executions by constables on insolvent debtors' lands, as to include all the executions which may be levied, and thereby incur thereon but one set of costs.

Mr. Newland presented a resolution in favor of Samuel M.D. Tate, Sheriff of Burke county; which was referred to the committee of Claims.

The bill to empower Joseph Houston, of Iredell county, to erect gates across certain roads, was read the third time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Settle, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported unfavorably to the petition of Wm. Watts and other citizens of Burke county, praying for an alteration of the lines between that county and Wilkes. Which report was concurred in.

Mr. Swain presented the petition of Humphrey Posey, of Haywood county, stating a grievance growing out of the purchase of Cherokee lands, and praying for remuneration. Referred to the committee of Finance.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.—The house was occupied nearly the whole of this day, in debate on the bill changing the time of meeting of the Legislature.

Thursday, Jan. 11.—Mr. Edmonston presented the petition of James Stephenson, of Haywood, stating a grievance that he had sustained in the purchase of a tract of Cherokee land, and praying for redress.

Mr. Alford presented a bill to exempt subaltern officers in the militia, from furnishing themselves with uniforms, which was rejected on its first reading; and

Mr. Saintclair a bill to regulate the fees of the Attorney and Solicitor General and Solicitors, which passed its first reading.

The following engrossed bills were received from the Senate, and passed their first reading in this House, viz:

To explain an act passed in 1822, to authorize County Courts to require administrators and others to give other or counter security upon petition of their securities; to authorize the County Courts of Guilford and Davidson to appoint a committee of Finance.

Mr. Ship introduced a bill to compel the Register and other officers of Lincoln county, to keep their offices at the court-house.

Mr. Settle, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Thornton, of the District of Columbia, praying for an act of incorporation, the better to enable himself and those associated with him to search for Gold on lands owned by them in Montgomery county, reported that the committee deemed it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition. The report was concurred with.

Friday, Jan. 12.—Mr. Saintclair, presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Wilkes, praying for an alteration in the time of holding the County Courts of Wilkes.

Mr. Gordon presented a counter petition. Mr. Love presented the petition of several citizens of Haywood county, praying to be authorized to open a Turnpike Road, and to receive tolls when completed.

Mr. Bonner presented a bill extending the time in which Guardians shall settle their accounts, which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Carson, the committee of Finance, was instructed to inquire into the expediency of an amending the Revenue law, so as to make the tax on stores more equal in its provisions.

The bill to authorize the County Courts of this State to permit Gates to be erected across the public roads, and to lay a tax thereon, was read the second time.

Mr. Settle, who had introduced this bill, said, it was his wish to relieve the Legislature from the trouble of legislating upon a subject which he thought could be better managed by the county courts, and where he had no doubt it would be properly used.

Several amendments were proposed to the bill, some of which were adopted, and others were rejected. One of these proposed that the tax upon gates thus erected, should not be less than \$10. This was proposed by

Mr. Shipperd, who thought the Legislature ought to be cautious in placing a power of this kind in the county courts, which might be greatly abused. If this bill passed, he expected he should soon have gates on roads here, and there, and every where. When persons know they can obtain leave to erect Gates by a mere application to the county court, on paying a light tax, the convenience of the community in travelling would be much impeded by their number. Every obstruction to travelling on a public road, he said, was a nuisance. He had voted in favor of erecting Gates in special cases; but if the applications were to become numerous, he should vote against them. If this bill should pass, he hoped a heavy tax would be laid upon all Gates erected in this way.

Mr. A Moore hoped this amendment would not be agreed to; for if it were, it would go to defeat the object of the bill. It was the intention of the gentleman from Rockingham to take this kind of business out of the hands of the Legislature, which consumed much of their time, at a great expense to the State, and place it in the hands of the better managed, for here we act without knowledge on the subject.

The amendment was rejected, and the bill passed its second reading.

Mr. Swain, agreeably to previous notice, called up for consideration, the Report on a petition of certain persons in Burke and Buncombe counties, who prayed to be erected into a new county, owing to their remote situation from their respective Court-Houses. The committee reported against granting the prayer of the petitioners. Mr. Swain made a strong and eloquent appeal to the House in favor of the petitioners; but his efforts did not succeed; the prayer of the petitioners was not granted.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 9. In the Senate yesterday Mr. Reed's resolution proposing an inquiry into the necessity of increasing the salary of the Post Master General, was agreed to. The bill entitled "an act to regulate process in the Courts of the United States," was ordered to a third reading. About one o'clock, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, Mr. Tucker's resolution, calling for information as to the names of the surviving officers of the army of the revolution, was adopted, with a modification offered by himself. Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, offered two resolutions, which lie on the table, calling on the President for information whether any Charges des Affaires have been appointed since the 1st of January, 1826, without the advice and consent of the Senate; Mr. Wickliffe laid a resolution on the table calling for information as to the surveys of roads and canals which yet remain to be made. On motion of Mr. Jennings, of Indiana, the Committee on Public Lands were instructed to consider the propriety of reducing the price of public lands to seventy-five cents per acre, or fifty cents, in proportion to the time they have been in the market.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.—In the Senate, yesterday, the "Bill to provide for the location of the two townships of land reserved for a seminary of learning in the Territory of Florida, and to complete the location of the grant to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of Kentucky," after some discussion, was ordered to a third reading. The "Bill to graduate the price of public lands, and to cede the refuse to the States in which they lie," was considered, and strongly supported, in an able speech, by Mr. Barton. The bill, with

an amendment, proposed by Mr. Hendricks, was postponed to the 20th inst.

In the House of Representatives, the day was entirely occupied in the discussion of the resolutions laid on the table the preceding day by Mr. Blair, of Tennessee, and Mr. Wickliffe, of Kentucky. The two former were agreed to, with amendments; and the discussion of the latter was suspended by a call for the orders of the day.

The select committee appointed on the subject of the honor of the Vice-President on motion of Mr. Floyd, obtained leave to sit during the sittings of the House.

The system of Cavalry Tactics prepared by the Board of Officers, of which Gen. Scott was President, was received from the War Department, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Committee on Military Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Wheaton, and he had leave to withdraw his petition.

Thursday, Jan. 11.—In the Senate yesterday, the bill for opening military roads in the Territory of Michigan, was then taken up, and after an animated debate, was laid on the table.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Mercer laid a resolution on the table calling for information relative to the Custom House receipts from 1815, to the present time. A Bill was reported from the Committee on Manufactures, relative to duties on imports; and a Bill from the Military Committee to increase the Corps of Engineers. The resolution offered by Mr. Wickliffe, and discussed on the preceding day, was adopted with a modification. A message from the President was received, communicating an interesting report from the Secretary of the Navy, relative to Dry Docks; and a communication from the War Department, containing the names of the officers of the Revolutionary Army, as far as they could be furnished.

On motion of Mr. Carson, it was Resolved, That the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Morganton, North Carolina, to Athens, Georgia, by way of Ruthersford, Greenville, Pendleton, &c.

The following is the complexion of the committee on the application of Mr. Calhoun to investigate the Rip Rap affair, in reference to the parties as existing at the time of the first investigation:

- Crawford, Floyd, Virginia.
Williams, N. C.
Clay, Wright, Ohio.
Adams, Clarke, Kentucky.
Jackson, Ingersoll, Conn.
Campbell, Ohio.

Fifteen hundred bales of American cotton goods have been shipped from Boston to Smyrna, within a short time past. This is a new market for American manufactures, which will no doubt improve.

ALABAMA.

We are sorry to hear that party spirit so far prevails in our Legislature, that a disunion of the state has been actually threatened! We understand that the northern members have concluded that those in the south were not disposed to legislate for us with justice. Hence they have threatened to detach this valley from Alabama, and attach it to Tennessee! This conclusion was no doubt drawn in haste, under the influence of passion—but a decision on this subject will require much deliberation.

DIVIDENDS IN NEW-YORK.

- The bank of America has declared a dividend of two dollars and a half per share.
The Phoenix Bank, three and a half per cent.
The North River Bank, four per cent.
The Merchants' Bank, three per cent.
The Niagara Insurance Company, three and a half per cent.
The Ocean Insurance Company, four per cent.
The National Insurance Company, six per cent.
The New-York Insurance Company, five per cent.
The Eagle Fire Company, four and a half per cent.
The New-York Lafayette Fire Insurance Company, three and a half per cent.
The Farmers' Fire Insurance Company, three and a half per cent.
The Mutual Insurance Company, three and a half per cent.
The New-York Lombard Association, four per cent.
The Fulton Fire Insurance Company, four per cent.
The Manhattan Fire Insurance Company, four and a half per cent.
The United States Fire Insurance Company, three and a half per cent.

James Noble has been re-elected a Senator from the State of Indiana, for the term of six years, from the 4th of March next.

A deposit of 9000 dollars, in headed pistareens, was made in the State Bank, Boston, on Saturday, 16th ult.

Salisbury:

JANUARY 30, 1827.

REMOVAL.

The Office of the Western Carolinian is REMOVED from the building which it formerly occupied East of the Court-House, to one on the same street South of the Court-House, immediately opposite the Bank; where those who may have business with the establishment, will please herewith to apply. 149

JOHN STANLEY, Esq.

Extract of a letter to the editor of the North-Carolina Journal, dated Raleigh, Jan. 1827.

It is with unfeigned sorrow and regret that I announce to you, that there is great probability that the State of North Carolina will in future be deprived of the invaluable services of Mr. Stanley; this morning the House of Commons met according to adjournment—the Speaker took the Chair apparently in his usual health and spirits—several reports and bills were handed in, and the House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Chancery Bill, Mr. Donoho in the Chair. Mr. Morehead, the proposer of the measure, opened the debate in its favor, and was followed by Mr. Stanley against it. He had not spoken more than a minute or two before it was remarked that his voice began to falter, and his features became, in some degree, distorted. He was aware of his situation himself, called for a glass of water and drank it—but found no relief—on the contrary, his voice faltered more and more, and his features became more distorted, until he at length apologized to the House for not being able to proceed, from some cause for which he could not account; whereupon the Committee rose, and Mr. Stanley with difficulty reached the Chair—eight or ten members rose at once for the purpose of moving an adjournment, and the question was put by Mr. Stanley. The House of course adjourned—but the Speaker had to resume his seat, whence he was borne by several of the members, almost in a state of insensibility, to the house of Dr. Beckwith. By the time they reached Dr. Beckwith's, he had lost his speech entirely, and it said the whole of one side was paralyzed—I am sorry that it has been out of my power to see him, since this melancholy event happened, but I have just learned that he is no better. Such is the estimation in which Mr. Stanley is held as a public man, that there is not an individual of any worth who does not deplore the calamity which has befallen him. Should he be so unfortunate as not to be able to resume his seat in the House of Commons, a void will be made in our Legislative Councils, which, I fear, will not soon be filled up.

Gen. Iredell, member from Edenton, was unanimously elected Speaker pro tem. of the House of Commons, the day after the calamity which befel Mr. Stanley.

J. D. Toomer, Esq. has been elected to the legislature from Fayetteville, in place of Mr. Strange, appointed Judge.

A destructive fire occurred in Knoxville, Tenn. on the 27th ult. by which two or three valuable buildings were entirely consumed; and what was far more distressing, a Mrs. Winters, and a child of her husband, were consumed in the flames!

Christian Liberty.—In consequence of the destruction, near Hillsboro' of the dwelling house of the Rev. Mr. Witherspoon, with all its contents, even to the clothing of the family, except such as they had on their backs, the citizens of the village, with a praise-worthy benevolence, the next day exerted themselves in making collections of articles of necessity, &c. for the use of the unfortunate family, and succeeded in getting about \$600 worth of articles contributed.

Noah's Enquirer, in speaking of the late election of Governor of New-York, says: "The old republicans voted against Clinton on old party grounds, [he having once been suspected of federalism, having suffered himself to be run for President by them against Madison.] the Adams men voted against him, from a conviction that he was unfriendly to the general administration; and the Jackson men voted against him, for fear that he was first for himself; so he had all interests opposed to him." If this be a fact, it reasonably accounts for his being so closely run by so obscure a man as Wm. B. Rochester. And it is totally inexplicable to us how, if all interests were opposed to him, he could get elected. But it puzzles wiser heads than ours, to see into the crevices of New-York politics.

A post-office has been established in Jones county, in this state, named CONROY. No doubt it will be a comfortable concern to the people in its vicinity.

Puzzle for Shoe-makers.—A Mr. MacKay, of Philadelphia, has sent to the Editor of one of the newspapers in that city, a Paper Pattern, explaining how the upper leather, quarter, strap, and lining of a shoe, may be constructed, all in one piece, without a single seam! Do any of our ingenious-mechanicks understand this? If so, we shall be pleased with an opportunity of making it known through our columns.

The Editor of the Newburyport (Massachusetts) Herald, states, that he has published that paper for more than twenty-five years; and during that period, has witnessed the failure of thirteen different attempts to get up rival papers in that place. How many abortions of this kind there have been in the town of Salisbury, during the six or seven years our establishment has been in operation, is not of sufficient consequence to any one (except ourselves) to be worth the relating. Verbum sat.

By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that the Rev. JESSE HANES has opened a School in this town, for the instruction of youth in the various branches, as well of an English Education as of the higher departments of learning preparatory to entrance into any of the Universities. And it is with much satisfaction we are enabled to state, that that gentleman has been engaged to take charge of the Presbyterian Church in this place, as successor to the Rev. Dr. FRENCH, and will devote the whole of his apostolic labors to the service of the people in connexion with this Church. There are now three regularly-organized Churches in the town of Salisbury.—A Fresh-