

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Saturday, Jan. 20.—A billing was had for seven Trustees of the University, previous to which the names of Charles Fisher and D. L. Swain were withdrawn from the nomination, and the names of Jesse Speight, William A. Bount and H. Woodie, were added. The Committee subsequently reported, that Nathaniel Macon, William A. Bount, Judge Donnell, Thomas Settle, Charles Manly and James F. Taylor, were elected; and that one still remained to be chosen. A second balloting was immediately proposed for the remaining one, and the names of Jesse Speight, William M. Bount and Stephen Miller, were withdrawn.

The bill to divide the regiment of the Militia of Burke County, was read the third time and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to unite the Offices of Clerk of the Superior Courts and Clerk and Master in Equity, having been read the third time, was passed.

Monday, Jan. 22.—Mr. Pickett, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Irwell county, made a report unfavorable thereon, which report on motion of Mr. King was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill further to amend an act passed in 1813, making the protest of a notary public evidence in certain cases, was read a third time, and passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pickett reported a bill to make compensation to Coroners in certain cases, which was read the first time.

Mr. Beard of Rowan, from the Select committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish a Medical Board in this State, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery, made a report recommending the passage of the bill. The report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sneed presented a bill to give additional publicity to Deeds of Trust and Mortgages, which was read the first time, and referred to the Judiciary committee. [Provides that the Register of the county, shall at each Court, publish a list of all such Deeds of Trust or Mortgages, as have been given since last Court, by and to whom, &c.]

Mr. Pickett introduced a bill, to amend the laws relative to the sale of lands and slaves, by Sheriffs and other officers, which was read the first time. [Provides that all sales shall be held on Monday of the Superior Courts.]

The engrossed bill to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to lay out a road in Lincoln county, was rejected on the ground that the County Court possessed the power of doing what was required of the Legislature.

Tuesday, Jan. 23.—Mr. Forney from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Nash, Edgecombe, Johnson and Wayne, praying for the erection of a new county from the corners of said counties, reported that it is inexpedient to grant their prayer. Concurred in.

Mr. Forney from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Rose of Ashe, praying to be restored to credit, reported favorably on said petition, which was concurred in.

The Senate took up the bill reserving certain lands in Montgomery county, for the benefit of Roswell King, for the purpose of encouraging the breed of sheep, which after some slight amendments was read the second and third time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians, passed its second and third reading, and was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to require Defendants before they are put upon their trial, to except to such matters in the indictment, as might after conviction be assigned as reasons in arrest of judgment, was rejected, 36 to 21.

Wednesday, Jan. 24.—The Senate took up the orders of the day, the first of which was the bill authorizing the County Courts to grant permission for the erection of Gates, in their respective counties, and to impose a tax on the same.

Mr. Speight of Greene moved for the indefinite postponement of the bill, which motion was finally carried.

Thursday, Jan. 25.—Mr. Burney presented the petition of sundry citizens of Columbus county, praying that the Clerks and other civil officers of the State be appointed by the citizens of the several counties respectively.

Mr. Love, from the committee of claims, reported a resolution in favour of Peter Danell, late Sheriff of Wilkes.

Mr. Beard, of Rowan, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for a Brigadier General of the 3d brigade and 6th division, reported that Stephen Miller was duly elected. Concurred in.

The bill relative to lotteries, was rejected on its second reading.

The following bills were presented, read the first time and passed: By Mr. McDowell, a bill to amend the act of 1823, to prevent persons, who have been, or may be appointed commissioners on the part of the State for any purposes, from

becoming obstructors; by Mr. McKay, a bill to compel children, who are of sufficient ability, to maintain their poor parents; by Mr. Alexander, a bill to amend the act of 1814, concerning the Supreme Court.

Friday, Jan. 26.—Mr. Elliot, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John M. Roe, of Fayetteville, reported a resolution directing the Public Treasurer to pay to the petitioner, as a loan, \$5,000 dollars, to aid him in the publication of a Map of the State.

The bill to divorce Elias S. Dowling from her husband; and the bill to secure to Elizabeth Killion such property as she may have—both bills, were rejected on their second reading.

Saturday, Jan. 27.—Mr. Marsh presented the petition of sundry citizens of Chatham county, on the subject of compelling Quakers to perform military duty. Mr. Gray presented a bill directing the duty of the sheriffs in the State in holding elections for Representatives in Congress and Members of the General Assembly.

The resolution in favour of John M. Roe, was amended on motion of Messrs. Stokes, Sewell and M'Ray, read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed. The vote on the passage of the resolution, was, yeas 27, nays 23.

Mr. Stokes presented a bill to provide for the improvement of the public road leading from Wilkesborough to Grayson C. H. Va.; and Mr. Alexander, a resolution in favour of the securities of James A. Meigs, late sheriff of Cabarrus.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Friday, Jan. 19.—On motion of Mr. Blount, the Judiciary committee, were instructed to enquire into the expediency of making trespasses on land, by pillaging the timber, an indictable offence.

Mr. Carson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Rutherford county, in behalf of Hiram Miller and Willis Bradley of said county.

Mr. Swain presented a bill to permit attorneys from other States to practise in the Courts of this State in certain cases; Mr. Fisher, a bill to appoint Road Commissioners and for other purposes; and Mr. Saintclair, a bill fixing the sum hereafter to be paid for vacant lands.

The bill to appoint commissioners to erect a building in the town of Lincoln for the accommodation of Jurors, was passed.

Saturday, Jan. 20.—The Governor transmitted to the House the Annual Report of the Adjutant General of the Militia of North Carolina.

Mr. Snipp, presented a bill giving the State a right of challenge.

Mr. Best moved that the House hold evening sessions after Wednesday next. The motion was negatived.

Mr. Alexander presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Mecklenburg, stating certain difficulties which had long existed in relation to a large tract of land in that county, from the number of conflicting claims upon it, and praying that the State would cause the same to be sold for the taxes due upon it. Referred to the committee of Finance.

Monday, Jan. 22.—Mr. Swain presented the petition of Thomas Welsh, sen. of Haywood county, complaining of certain grievances growing out of the purchase of lands in the Cherokee purchase, praying for redress.

Mr. Richards, the petition of sundry citizens of Rutherford county, on behalf of John Logan and wife, praying to be placed on the pension list.

The resolution instructing them to enquire into the propriety of appointing in each county a regular and standing Board of Auditors, with powers to pass upon and settle all accounts exhibited by Executors, Administrators, &c. was rejected.

Mr. A. Moore, from the committee of Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the petition of Green B. Palmer, complaining that he had not been fully compensated for his labor in clearing out Broad River, reported favorably to the petition, and recommended the passage of a resolution directing the Public Treasurer to pay him a thousand dollars—which passed its first reading.

Mr. Hardy, presented a bill to amend the Militia laws;

Mr. Adams, a bill to amend an act passed in 1741, for the better observation and keeping of the Lord's Day, &c.

The resolution received from the Senate, proposing that both Houses adjourn on Saturday the 3d of February, was, on motion of Mr. Fisher, ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the Senate, concurring with this House in their proposition to refer Chief Justice Taylor's letter and his Review of the Public Acts passed within the last five years, to a select joint committee, on which they had appointed Messrs. Forney, Sneed, Hill, of Franklin, Hawkins and Gilchrist; and on which committee this House appointed Messrs. Swain, Settle, Fisher, Carson and Gary.

Tuesday, January 23.—Mr. J. A. Hill presented a bill for the support of sick and disabled seamen of the United States; Mr. Fisher, a bill directing how Strays shall be advertised in future;

By Mr. Hardy, a bill holding the time within which suits shall be brought against Guardians, Executors and Administrators.

Mr. E. H. Jones from the Judiciary Committee, reported against a bill referred to that committee for the better securing of debts due to Carpenters. The committee could see no reason for providing any special law for them, in preference to others. The bill was therefore rejected.

The bill to allow further time for payment of entries of land made in 1824, passed its 3d reading, and was ordered to be enrolled.

Wednesday, Jan. 24.—On motion of Mr. Allison the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some provision more effectually to suppress fraud in the execution of deeds of trust, and to secure to creditors an equitable proportion of the estate of such debtors as may make deeds of trust.

The bill to alter the time of the annual meeting of the General Assembly, was amended, on motion of Mr. Ramsey, by striking out the words 'second Monday of December,' and inserting 'third Monday of November,' read the second time and passed.

Thursday, Jan. 25.—Mr. Alexander presented the petition of Robert Robinson, Jesse Clark, Benj. Lindsay, Henry Houston and John Connolly, praying to be placed on the pension list. Referred to the committee of Claims.

Received from the Governor, a claim of Jonas R. Clark for the value of a horse which he has in the service of the State at the reception of Gen. Lafayette. Referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Jones, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a resolution inquiring into the expediency of Testametary Guardians giving security when they shall appear to the County Court that they are solvent, and are likely to waste and squander the property of their wards, reported that it was inexpedient to vary the existing law as proposed; but recommended that the bill accompanying this report, entitled a bill concerning Testametary Guardians, be passed into a law. Which bill passed its first reading.

The following bills were presented: by Mr. Bain, a bill for the better distribution of the estates of testators; by Mr. Donoho, a bill directing the continuance of Geological and Mineralogical survey of the State; by Mr. Edmonston, a bill to render valid certain official acts of Elisha Chambers, of Haywood county; and by Mr. A. J. Hill, a bill to amend the act of 1806, for the more convenient and uniform administration of justice.

The following engrossed bills and resolutions passed their third reading: The bill to explain an act passed in 1823, to authorize County Courts to require administrators and others to give other or counter security, on petition of their co-tenants; the bill to incorporate the Franklin Library Society of Buffalo, in Lincoln county; and the bill to establish and regulate a Turnpike road in Haywood county.

The bill to increase the capital stock of the Clubfoot and Hurlow's Creek Canal, was amended, on motion of Mr. Fisher, so as to authorize the Treasurer to loan 12,000 dollars to the Company, instead of subscribing to that amount, and read the third time and passed.

The engrossed bill to alter the meeting of the Legislature was taken up, when Mr. Alexander moved to strike out the 3d Monday in Nov. for the purpose of reintroducing the 2d Monday in Dec. as the bill came from the Senate, but the motion was negatived, 70 to 31.

The bill was then ordered to be sent to the Senate for their concurrence in this amendment to their bill. If the two houses do not agree the bill will be lost, and the next Legislature will of course meet on the 2d Monday in January, as fixed by the act of the last session.

Friday, Jan. 26.—Mr. Jones, of Warren, announced the death of Leonard Martin, Esq. one of the members from Hertford county, and after passing various resolutions on the subject, the Commons adjourned.

Saturday, Jan. 27.—Mr. Jones from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to Constables, as to allow a certain per cent. on all executions collected and accounted for by them, reported that no alteration in the law in this respect is necessary. Concurred with.

Mr. Jones, from the same committee, reported against the expediency of amending the law concerning executors and administrators so as to prevent executions under any circumstances from being levied on the personal testator or intestate, until an executor or administrator shall have reasonable time to obtain an order of sale on said property, and to collect the money under said sale. Which report was concurred in.

Mr. Jones, of New Hanover, presented a bill to make an appropriation to improve the navigation of Cape Fear river below Wilmington.)

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

Monday, Jan. 15.—In the House of Representatives, the discussion of the Bill to make provision for the officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution was resumed; but no question was taken. Mr. Wickliffe made a few observations on his amendment, and was followed by Mr. Tost and Mr. Clarke against the Bill, and Mr. Sprague, and Mr. Drayton, on the other side. Mr. Weems also obtained the floor, and then yielded it to a motion of adjournment.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16.

In the Senate yesterday, a bill was reported authorizing those purchasers of Public Lands who had relinquished the same, to repurchase them at a fixed price. The bill for increasing the salary of the Post Master General was taken up, for their discussion, and passed.

The Senate did not sit on Saturday.

The House of Representatives was occupied in the renewed discussion of the Bill to provide for the surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, when the amendment proposed by Mr. Wickliffe, to include the heirs and representatives of the officers who have died, was carried by a vote of 101 to 80.

The adoption of this amendment may be considered as decisive of the fate of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, it was Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a light house, or bouc at the Point of Marsh, at the mouth of Neuse river, and at Wilkinson's Point, on said river, in the State of N. Carolina.

Wednesday, Jan. 17.—In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was reported providing for the examination of sites in the Western country, with a view to the establishment of a National Armory. A bill was reported from the Committee on Finance, for appropriating one million of dollars, hitherto authorized to be kept in the Treasury, to the purposes of the Sinking Fund. The bill providing for the gradual increase of the Navy, by appropriating hereto five hundred thousand dollars yearly, for six years, was read a second time, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

A copy of the convention lately negotiated between the Government of the United States and Great Britain, on the subject of property taken away during the late war, was yesterday laid before the House of Representatives.

Thursday, Jan. 18.—In the Senate yesterday, the bill making an appropriation for Revolutionary Officers and other pensioners of the United States, was read twice, and ordered to a third reading.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, the motion of Mr. Burges, to take up the Bill making provision for the surviving officers of the Revolution was rejected. The House then, on motion of Mr. Mallary, went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and took up the Bill for the alteration of the acts imposing duties on imports, when Mr. Mallary, in a lucid speech, which occupied near two hours, explained his own views, and those of the Committee in relation to our manufactures.

Saturday, Jan. 20.—In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Harrison, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution for appropriating ten thousand dollars to the indigent sufferers by the late fire in Alexandria, to put in the hands of the Mayor of that city for distribution.

A message received yesterday from the President, by the House of Representatives, communicating a report from the Secretary of State, and the correspondence between Mr. Clay and Chevalier Huggens, on the subject of the discriminating duties exacted in the Netherlands, on importations in American vessels.

The Senate did not sit on Saturday.

Monday, Jan. 22.—In the House of Representatives, the bill to provide for the relinquishment of certain lands sold by the United States in the State of Ohio, passed through Committee of the Whole, and was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day, by a vote of 86 to 51.

Tuesday, Jan. 23.—In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was reported from the Committee on Commerce, for regulating the commercial intercourse between the United States and the colonies of Great Britain. The bill from the House of Representatives appropriating \$20,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in Alexandria, was twice read.

In the House of Representatives, the bill making provision for the Officers of the Army of the Revolution went into Committee, and an amendment was proposed by Mr. Condit, proposing \$1000 each as a gratuity to the Officers, and an annuity for life; but the Committee rose without proceeding further, and the amendment was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Branch of N. Carolina submitted the following resolution: Resolved, that the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a sum of money for the purpose of extinguishing the Indian title to lands within the limits of North Carolina.

Wednesday, Jan. 24.—In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was reported from the Judiciary Committee for the appointment

of a Commission, for the distribution among the claimants under the first article of the Treaty of Ghent, for slaves and other property taken away by the British after the signing of that Treaty, of the sums which shall be awarded to them respectively.

The bill appropriating \$30,000 for the relief of the indigent sufferers by the late fire in Alexandria, was read a third time and passed.

In the House of Representatives, the discussion on Mr. Buchanan's motion to discharge the Committee from the further consideration of the Manufacturer's Bill was resumed. The motion was negatived—yeas 97, nays 112.

Thursday, Jan. 25.—In the Senate, yesterday, the consideration of the Bankrupt Bill was resumed, the motion to strike out the 23d section still pending. Mr. Barrien opposed the motion, and Mr. Woodbury and Mr. Tazewell supported it.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, a bill was reported by Mr. Storey, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to authorize the building of two schooners for the naval service, and for rebuilding the Nonuch. The report of the Committee contains a very interesting letter from the Secretary of the Navy.

Friday, Jan. 26.—In the Senate yesterday, the consideration of the Bankrupt Bill was resumed. The motion of Mr. Branch to strike out the 23d section, which provides for the voluntary bankruptcy of persons other than traders, was further discussed and rejected.

The House of Representatives were engaged in the discussion of the Manufacturer's Bill, in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, without coming to any result. Mr. Ingham spoke at length against it; and on motion of Mr. Pearce the Committee rose.

Saturday, Jan. 27.—The Senate was occupied nearly the whole of this day, in consideration of the Bankrupt Bill.

In the House, a pretty extensive discussion took place on the bill for the relief of Willie Blount, late Gov. of Tennessee. In the course of the debate, Mr. Lang, desirous of acquainting himself with a subject that he had, in part, forgotten, since it first came before the House, and believing the House was not prepared to decide upon its merits at this time, moved to lay it on the table, and to print the report. The question was at first determined in the affirmative—yeas 65, nays 37; but doubt arising as to the number voting, Mr. Houston moved the appointment of tellers. This motion was subsequently withdrawn, and the question taken again, when it was decided in the negative—yeas 38, nays 63. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Tuesday, Jan. 30.—In the Senate, yesterday, the consideration of the Bankrupt Bill was resumed. Mr. Robbins spoke; it considerable length in support of the bill. The bill was then laid on the table.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, the bill for the relief of Willie Blount was passed after some discussion; and after an unsuccessful motion to recommit it by Mr. Long. The bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange ten millions of stock, was then taken up in committee of the whole on the state of the Union, on motion of Mr. Cook. An amendment was offered by Mr. Verplanck, the purport of which was to give a discretionary power to the Secretary of the Treasury to issue treasury notes, should the other projects fail. The committee then rose, and the amendment was ordered to be printed.

Wednesday, Jan. 31.—In the Senate yesterday, an unsuccessful attempt was made by Mr. Dickerson to call up the bill for distributing a portion of the revenues of the United States among the several States. The bill for opening a Military Road, from Fort Smith, in the Territory of Arkansas, to Natchitoches, in Louisiana, was considered and rejected. The bill authorizing the confirmation and settlement of private Land Claims in East Florida, was, as amended, ordered to a third reading. The Senate was engaged about two hours in Executive business.

In the House of Representatives, a bill was reported by Mr. Mercer, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to authorize the subscription of stock to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to the amount of two and a half millions. The House in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union discussed the manufacturers' bill. Mr. Pierce delivered his sentiments in favor of it, and Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Mitchell, of South Carolina, against it.

The following are the members appointed by the Speaker to compose the Select Committee on the petition of the African Colonization Society; Messrs. Mercer, Powell, Weems, Kellogg; Krebbs, Bryan and M'Hatton.

We have seen beautiful specimens of Dimity, woven at Lowell, (Mass.) being the first manufactured in America, by water looms, and supposed to be equal to any imported Dimity. Nat. Journal.

There has been a frost at Havana, a circumstance never before known; but the Coffee trees were not supposed to be injured. Ches. Courier.