

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SENATE.

Wednesday, Dec. 26.—On motion of Mr. Pickett,

Resolved, That a joint select committee, consisting of two members from each House, be appointed to confer with the representatives, devisees and widow of the late Treasurer of this State, and to make such arrangements with them as may be thought compatible with the public interest, to secure to the State the payment of the debt due from said decedent, or such portion thereof as may be practicable, subject to the ratification of the Legislature.

Messrs. Pickett and Owen were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

The engrossed bill to establish a Medical Board, and to regulate the practice of physic and surgery in this State, was indefinitely postponed on its second reading.

The bill concerning the election of county surveyors, was amended on motion of Messrs. Love of Haywood and Jones, read the third time, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Thursday, Dec. 27.—Mr. Shober, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to authorize John Waddell, of Randolph, to erect two gates.

Mr. Shober also reported a bill to restore to credit William Ferrell, of Montgomery county, which was rejected.

Mr. Davidson presented a resolution in favor of the administrator of Thomas Elliott, of Mecklenburg; which was read the first, second and third times, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Shober presented a resolution relative to procuring iron bars for the fire places in the Senate Chamber and Commons Hall. Read the first time and passed.

Friday, Dec. 28.—Mr. Deberry presented the petition of Parham Kirk, late Sheriff of Montgomery, praying to be released from a certain fine, and to be allowed his commissions, insolvents, &c.

Mr. Burgh presented a bill to vest the election of Sheriff in the freemen of the county of Burke; which passed its first reading. Rejected on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vanhook, the committee of Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of issuing 100,000 dollars in Treasury Notes.

Saturday, Dec. 29.—Mr. M'Eachin presented a bill providing for the appointment of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, by Districts; which being read, Mr. Williams, of Martin, moved for its indefinite postponement. Mr. Baily moved to lay it on the table; which motion was not agreed to. The question was then taken on the indefinite postponement of the bill, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 43, nays 16.

Yeas—Messrs. Askew of Bertie, Askew of Hertford, Alexander, Burgh, Bailey, Beasley, Brodnax, Burney, Drake, Dobson, Davenport, Devane, Hurr, Harrell, Hollimon, Hinton, Hawkins, Love of Haywood, M'Dowell, Matthews, M'Daniel, Montgomery, Nuttall, Owen, Pickett, Ramsay, Riddick, Royal, Spaight of Craven, Salshear, Smith, Saunderson, Scott, Shober, Shepard, Thomson, Vanhook, Wilson of Camden, Walton, Wilson of Edgecomb, Whitfield, Williams of Martin and Ward.

Nays—Messrs. Bethune, Deberry, Davidson, Fuller, Franklin, Gray, Joiner, Jones, Locke, Love of Richmond, M'William, M'Neil, M'Eachin, Parker, Reinhardt and Williams of Beaufort.

Mr. Owen reported that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of insolvent and bank licenses. Concurred in.

Mr. Reinhardt presented the petition of John Davis, of Lincoln, praying to be placed on the pension list; and Mr. Shuford, the petition of Thomas Martin, of Rutherford, praying to be restored to credit; which was referred.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, Dec. 26.—Mr. Jones, of Warren, from the committee on the judiciary, made a report, recommending the rejection of the resolution instructing said committee to inquire into the manner in which the several Governors of this State have heretofore exercised the power of pardoning and relieving; which report was concurred in.

Mr. Morehead, from the Judiciary committee made a report, recommending the rejection of the resolution requiring clerks to advertise the rate of the county tax. Concurred in.

The resolution from the Senate, to raise a select joint committee to confer with the representatives, devisees and widow of the late Treasurer, was adopted, and Messrs. Alexander and Gaston were appointed the committee on the part of this House.

Mr. Morehead, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported against the expediency of so amending the law, as to prevent debtors from conveying their property by mortgage or deed of trust to one or more creditors in preference to the others; also of settling by law the priority of lien between executions, issued by justices of the peace, so as to fix the lien in favor of the younger executions which have been levied; and also, of passing a law to prevent the educating of slaves. Concurred in.

The engrossed bill to provide for the final settlement of executors and administrators, was rejected on its first reading.

The Senate having receded from their disagreement to the amendment made by this House in the engrossed bill to allow the right of challenge to the State in certain cases, the said bill was ordered to be enrolled.

Several engrossed bills and resolutions passed their first reading.

The bill to appoint a committee of Finance for the county of Surry; the bill to amend the sale law in Rutherford, were read the second and third times and passed.

Thursday, Dec. 27.—Mr. Conrad presented the petition of sundry citizens of Lincoln, praying that William Cline be released from the forfeiture of a recognizance. Referred.

Mr. Ellis presented a bill to compel the clerks of the several courts and registers to keep their offices at the court house of their respective counties; which was read the first time, passed, and referred.

Mr. Britain presented a bill to establish a new county by the name of Macon; which was read, when Mr. Bynum moved for its indefinite postponement. This motion was decided in the negative, 64 to 61. The bill was then ordered to lie on the table until Saturday next.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, made a report, requesting to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Leonard Hicks, of Burke. Concurred in.

The bill to incorporate the town of Lexington; the bill to alter the dividing lines between the 1st and 2d regiments of Guilford; the bill to incorporate Franklin Lodge, No. 94; passed their second and third readings, and were ordered to be engrossed.

Friday, Dec. 28.—On motion of Mr. Gary,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some provisions for the establishment of a uniform standard of measures throughout the State.

Messrs. Gary, Jones of Warren, and Gaston, form the committee.

The engrossed bill to authorize and direct the Sheriff of Rowan to collect the taxes imposed by the commissioners of Salisbury, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

The engrossed resolution in favor of James Patton, of Buncombe, was amended on motion of Mr. Nuttall, read the second and third times, and passed—32 to 26.

Saturday, Dec. 29.—Mr. Jones, from the committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of amending the militia laws in relation to the time that a captain shall keep his men under arms, &c. reported that no amendment is necessary. Concurred in.

Mr. Stedman, of Chatham, from the select committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to prevent the importation of slaves into this State; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Allen, of Buncombe, in pursuance of a petition, presented a bill to establish the District of Forsythe, for the purpose of holding Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions within the same; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Fisher presented a bill prescribing the manner in which field and general officers shall be recommended to the Legislature.

Mr. Fisher presented a statement, showing the expenditures of the State on internal improvements up to the present time; which was read and ordered to be printed.

The bill to appropriate 6,232 dollars for the purpose of improving the Cape Fear river below Wilmington, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Saturday, Dec. 29.—Mr. Hill, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill to establish a turnpike road in Burke county; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Fisher presented a bill to incorporate the North Carolina Institution for the instruction of deaf and dumb; which passed its first reading.

Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of John Rose of Ashe, praying to be restored to the privileges of a citizen. Referred.

Mr. Burns, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Brigadier General of the 7th brigade, reported that Wm. H. Kerr is duly elected.

Mr. Gaston, from the joint select committee, who were instructed to confer with the representatives, devisees and widow of the late Treasurer, reported the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That this House doth approve and sanction the recommendations contained in the foregoing report; and on its part doth direct the arrangements therein proposed to be carried into execution.

The engrossed bill to incorporate the North Carolina Gold Mining Company, was read the first time, amending, and passed.

The following engrossed bills and resolutions passed their first reading. The bill providing for the payment of jurors in Ashe county; the bill to amend the

act of 1827, respecting the reservations of certain Indians in the lands lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians; the bill supplementary to the acts relative to the power of courts of equity in cases of partition; the bill concerning the appointment of clerks of the Superior Courts and masters in equity.

The resolution from the Senate, instructing the committee of Finance to take charge of all the money in the Treasury office, and burn so much of the Treasury Notes as they may deem unfit for circulation, was concurred in.

Mr. Eccles presented the memorial of the Cape Fear Bank, praying that the tax paid by said bank be repealed or modified. Ordered to be referred to a joint select committee.

The following bills passed their third reading, and were ordered to be engrossed: the bill to incorporate the Zion Relief Society of North Carolina; and the bill to authorize the County Court of Rowan to appoint a committee of finance.

The bill to authorize the wardens of the poor of Mecklenburg to purchase a tract of land and erect buildings for the accommodation of the poor; were read the second and third times, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Little presented a bill to provide for the appointment of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States by districts; which was read and rejected—34 voting for, and 91 against its passage.

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Allen of Montgomery, Barnhill, Barnett, Benners, Blackledge, Blackwood, Borden, Brevard, Clement, Conrad, Dickson, Falls, E. Foy, Glisson, Gaston, Hampton, Hastings, Hill, Hodges, Little, Lilly, Marshall, M'Dearmid, M'Lean, Pool, Purcell, Simpson, Smith, Summers, Troy, H. Walker, Washington and A. Williams.

Nays—Messrs. Alexander, Allen of Buncombe, Baker, Ball, Barnard, Battle, Bateman, Blount, Boon, Boykin, W. A. Hozman, Brittain, Burke, Burns, Busbee, Bynum, Byrum, J. B. Zeman, Cherry, Clayton, Cooper, Cox, Davenport, Donohoe, Douglas, Dozier, Eccles, Ellis, Fisher, F. Foy, G. G. Gilchrist, Gilmore, Glasgow, Gold, Gordon, Green, Harper, Hardy, Hoogh, Jackson, Jasper, W. W. Jones, R. H. Jones, H. C. Jones, Kerr, Kilpatrick, King, Lawson, Leonard, Lewis, Love, M'Intosh, Montgomery, Morehead, M'William, M'Nair, Newland, Neill, Plummer, Riddick, Roberts, Ruffin, Salmon, Scott, Seawell, Sharpe, Shine, Simmons, Speller, Spruill, W. W. Stedman, N. A. Stedman, Stephens, Stewart, Styron, Thomas, Tillet, Underwood, Ward, H. Walker, Webb, Wheeler, White, Whitfield, Whitaker, Wilder, E. Williams and Wilkinson.

The bill to establish the county of Macon, passed its first reading—69 to 50.

EVENING SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Resolved, That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire what measures this Legislature can adopt, if any, to protect the local Banks of this State, and consequently the interest of the State and its citizens, against the destructive operations of the Bank of the United States at Fayetteville.

Messrs. Alexander, Fisher and Bynum were appointed the said committee on the part of this House.

The Military Academy at West Point, from the report of the late Visitors, is progressing with its accustomed success, and loses nothing in a comparison, according to the testimony of those whose opportunities enable them to decide, with any establishment of the kind in the world.

Country.—On one side of the blade of the penknives used by members of congress is stamped "Rogers, makers to his Majesty;" and on the other, "manufactured by Rogers for the use of Congress."

England.—Egbert united the kingdoms of the Saxon Heptarchy in 827, so that it is just 1000 years since England became a kingdom.

Silk.—According to a late statement of Mr. Huskisson, the silk manufacture of England now reaches the enormous amount of fourteen millions sterling per annum, and is consequently, after cotton, the greatest staple of the country.

It is computed that the capital actually invested in the cultivation of the British soil by the land owners and farmers, amounts to the enormous sum of two thousand millions sterling.

Navarino, which has now become celebrated in the annals of naval warfare, is a strong and populous town of the Morea, (the ancient Peloponessus,) and is seated on a hill, near the sea, 8 miles N. E. of Modon, E. long. 21, 40; N. lat. 37, 2.

Yale College.—This institution numbers over 500 students. This is more, if we are not mistaken, than are, or ever have been, connected with any other college in the United States at one time. Theological Students, 50; Law, 20; Medical, 91; Resident Graduates, 5; Undergraduates, 335; total 501. Of the Undergraduates, 85 are Seniors, 89 Juniors, 83 Sophomores, 71 Freshmen.

From the Raleigh Register.

We observe by the Virginia Advocate, published at Charlottesville, Virginia, that the prospectus for the publication of MSS of the late Thomas Jefferson, will be offered for subscription next month, and that it is contemplated to deliver the work to subscribers early next summer.

CAPTIONS.

Of the Public Acts, passed by the Legislature of North Carolina, at the session of 1827-28, 45 acts of a public nature were passed, all of which will be found below:

1 An act concerning the State Bank of North Carolina. [Authorises and directs the Speaker of the Senate to exercise all the duties and powers in the meetings of the Stockholders, and in the Board of Directors of the State Bank, heretofore exercised by the Public Treasurer.]

2 To alter the act of 1804, fixing the time for paying purchase money into the Treasury on entries of land. [Extends the time for paying such money until the 1st January, 1828.]

3 Prescribing upon what evidence the Public Treasurer shall receive the purchase money for vacant and unappropriated land. [The want of the entry taker's certificates supplied by the warrant & plat of survey being filed with the Secretary of State. He is to grant a certificate, on which the Treasurer is to receive the purchase money.]

4 Extending the time for registering grants and mesne conveyances, powers of attorney, bills of sale, and deeds of gift. [Allows two years further time.]

5 Increasing the penalty of the official bonds of the clerks of the several courts of record in this State and providing for the deposit and safe keeping of said bonds. [The bond to be in the sum of ten thousand dollars. Bonds of the clerks of the Superior Courts to be deposited in the offices of the Clerks of the County Courts, and vice versa as to the Clerks of the County Court and clerks and masters in equity. Said bonds to be register's office, a certified copy thereof to be received in evidence; Judges of the Superior Courts and Justices of the County Courts to cause the bonds of the clerks of their respective courts to be acknowledged before them, and to give a certificate of such acknowledgement. Any clerk who shall enter upon the duties of his office before giving bond, shall be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars.]

6 Allowing the right of challenge to the State in certain cases. [Authorises the prosecuting officer in behalf of the State to challenge peremptorily four in all criminal cases of a capital nature.]

7 Concerning the Public Treasury. [Enforcing in a more rigid manner the accountability of the Treasurer, and incorporating the several acts of Assembly relative to the Treasury.]

8 Subjecting bail to costs. [Whenever a scire facias shall issue against bail, and said bail shall not, at the term of the Court to which he is bound to appear, be discharged from his liability by the death or surrender of his principal, the bail shall be liable for all costs.]

9 Supplementary to the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors. [Provides that whenever any debtor shall file a schedule of his effects, all debts due to such debtor shall vest in the sheriff, who is authorised to sue for and collect the same; and the monies so collected to be distributed among the creditors.]

10 To amend the act of 1771, establishing courts of law, and regulating the proceedings therein. [Any person surrendered to the sheriff after the return court, or committed to the custody of the sheriff upon a surrender in court, shall have liberty, before final judgment, to give other bail.]

11 Making it the duty of sheriffs, coroners and constables to serve all notices required to be given in proceedings at law or in equity.

12 Reducing the number of petty masters to two in a year. [Captains to muster their companies once in six months.]

13 Appropriating 6,232 dollars for the purpose of improving the navigation of Cape Fear river below Wilmington.

14 Prescribing the duty of committee of Finance. [Requires them, immediately on entering on their duty of the Finances, to count all the money in the Treasury, and report the amount to the Legislature.]

15 To change the time of holding the Supreme Court of this State. [Fixes the time of holding said Court on the first Monday in June and December.]

16 Amending the different acts concerning dower. [The jury not restricted to assign dower in every separate tract; but may assign in one or more, having regard to the interest of the heirs as well as the widow.]

17 For the relief of persons, who have made entries of land with entry takers, or who have had lands surveyed by surveyors, who have not renewed their bonds agreeably to law. [Entries and surveys made in the offices of entry takers and by surveyors, who have not renewed their bonds agreeably to law, rendered valid.]

18 Supplemental to act of the present session, entitled "an act to alter an act, entitled an act to amend the 4th section of the act passed in 1804." [The provisions of said act to continue in force to the end of this Session.]

19 Amending the act of 1824, giving the assent of North Carolina to, and enforcing in this State, certain acts of the Legislature of Tennessee, relating to the Smoky Mountain turnpike road. [Authorises the stockholders of said road to discharge their subscriptions by labor instead

of money; and the appropriation of the State not be paid until the road is completed.]

20 To continue in force the act of last session, entitled "an act to revive and continue in force an act, passed in the year 1825, to alter and amend an act for the relief of such persons as became purchasers of the Cherokee lands, sold under the authority of this State." [Continues in force said act until the meeting of the next General Assembly.]

21 Amending the 2d section of the act of 1801, so far as regards salvage. [Provides for the appointment of two commissioners, one to be selected by each party; and in case they disagree, they are to select an umpire. If any party should be dissatisfied with the decision, an appeal may be made to the Superior Court.]

22 Amending the act of 1820, entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled 'an act laying duties on sales at auction of merchandise.'"

23 Ceding to the United States a point of marsh on the south side of Neuse river, for the purpose of erecting thereon a light house.

24 Continuing in force the act of 1823, directing a geological and mineralogical survey to be made of the State. [Continues in force the said act for one year.]

25 Amending the act of 1823, respecting the reservations of certain Indians in the lands lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians. [Whenever the Governor has reason to believe that the title set up by any Indian, or person claiming under any Indian, to a reservation under the treaties of 1817 and 1819, is not good, it shall be his duty to employ counsel to defend the title conveyed by the State.]

26 Relative to the sale of the estates of infants. [On application of the guardian of an infant, setting forth that the estate of the infant would be materially benefited by a sale, the court of equity to whom the application is made may decree a sale, provided the facts set forth in the petition be found to be true.]

27 Providing more effectually for the representation of the Stock of the State held in the State Bank. [Authorises the Governor, Secretary and Comptroller to appoint a person to represent the state at the annual meetings of the stockholders of said Bank.]

28 To erect an arsenal on the south west of the Capital square.

29 Supplementary to the acts relative to the power of Courts of Equity in cases of partition. [Whenever a court of equity shall order the sale of real estate belonging to joint tenants in coparcenary, the court at their discretion may direct such sales to be made on the premises, or at any place within the county.]

30 For the relief of clerks of courts and clerks and masters of equity. [Exempts clerks of the County, Superior and Supreme Courts and clerks and masters in equity from the penalties prescribed by the act of 1823, entitled "an act to amend and extend the provisions of an act to promote agriculture and family domestic manufactures within this State," who shall account for, and pay into the treasury by the 1st March next, all the monies they were bound, by the before recited act, to have paid by the 1st December last.]

31 Extending the provisions of the act of 1822, granting further time to perfect titles of lands within this State. [Extends the provisions of said act to the 1st January, 1829.]

32 Limiting the appointment of Solicitor General and Solicitors to four years.

33 Making provision for widows when they dissent from the wills of their husbands. [Allows the widow of a testator, out of her husband's estate, one year's provision, in the same manner as if her husband had died intestate.]

34 Prescribing the manner in which staves, heading and shingles shall hereafter be inspected. [Ten hundred staves, heading or shingles to be considered a thousand, and not twelve hundred as heretofore.]

35 Concerning the tax to be paid by persons peddling on certain streams. [Persons peddling on the south side of Albemarle Sound, and the waters emptying therein, (Roanoke and Cashie excepted,) to pay a tax of five dollars in each county in which they shall peddle.]

36 Amending the act of 1715, appointing public registers and directing the method to be observed in conveying lands, goods and chattels, and for preventing fraudulent deeds and mortgages.

37 Concerning the appointment of a keeper of the State House, and for the preservation of the statue of Washington.

38 To amend the act of 1826, prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians. [Directs the Treasurer to pay to the surveyors, or chain bearers, &c. employed in surveying said lands, the sums due them, as certified by the commissioners appointed under the act of 1826.]

39 In addition to the acts relative to weights and measures. [Makes it the duty of the justices of the county courts, which have not provided sealed weights, measures, stamps and brands, directed to be provided by the acts of 1741, to provide the same at the charge of their respective counties.]