enumerations, it will be found that the plan for taking every census has contained improvements upon that of its predecessor. The last is still susceptible of much improvement. The third census was the first at which any account was taken of the manufactures of the country. It was repeated at the last enumeration, but the returns in both cases were necessarily very imperfect. They must always be so, resting of course only on the communications voluntarily made by individuals interested in some of the manufacturing establishments. Yet they contain much valuable information, and may by some supplementary provision of the law, be rendered more effective. The columns of age, commencing from infancy, have hitherto been confined to a few periods, all under the number of 45 years. Important knowledge would be obtained by extending those columns, in intervals of human life. The labor of taking them would be a trifling addition to that already prescribed, and the result would exhibit comparative tables of longevity highly interesting to the country. I deem it my duty further to observe, that much of the imperfections in the last and perhaps of preceding enumerations proceeded from the inadequateness of the compensations allowed to the Marshals and their assistants in taking them.

In closing this communication, it only remains for me to assure the Legislature of my continued earnest wish for the adoption of measures recommended by me heretofore, and yet to be acted on by them; and of the cordial concurrence on my part in every constitutional provision which may receive their sanction during the session, tending to the general welfare. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

*Washington, December 2, 1828.*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### SENATE.

*Wednesday, Dec. 3.*—Mr. Doherry, presented a bill to provide for the final settlement of Executors and Administrators.

Mr. Wellborn presented the petition of J. Pennel of Wilkes.

*Thursday, Dec. 4.*—The senate were occupied most of this day in consideration of the resolutions for obtaining for this state a proportionate part of the public funds for the purpose of internal improvement.

The bill making an appropriation for draining Mattamuskeet lake, was rejected, 32 to 26.

*Friday, Dec. 5.*—Mr. Ramsey presented a bill to amend an act to provide a revenue for the payment of the civil list and contingent expenses of Government.

Mr. Mears, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported, with sundry amendments, the bill giving compensation to Patrollers.

Mr. M. also reported from the same committee, that no explanation is necessary as to the effect produced on the commission of a Justice of the Peace by his being elected Sheriff.

Mr. Shober presented the petition of Susannah M. Houser, of Stokes. Referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Shober, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to restore to credit Joshua Pinion of Wilkes.

*Saturday, Dec. 6.*—The proposition of the other House, to appoint a joint select committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the present mode of receiving lists of taxable property; ascertaining the value of lands; and amending the revenue laws, was agreed to.

Mr. Meares, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill to regulate costs on petitions for dower and partition.

Mr. Wellborn, from the joint select committee on the subject, reported a bill fixing the price hereafter to be paid for vacant lands, and permitting the entry of certain swamp lands.

*Monday, Dec. 8.*—The following engrossed bills passed their several readings, and were ordered to be enrolled: The bill concerning the Treasurer of Public Buildings, and the County Trustee of Buncombe county; the bill to incorporate Chorazin Chapter, No. 13; and the bill to legitimate Joseph Smith and Mary Bentley, of Burke county.

Mr. Mears, from the same committee, reported the bill for the better regulation of retailing spiritous liquors, with sundry amendments.

Mr. Burgin, presented a bill to extend the provisions of the act of 1822, granting further time to perfect titles to lands within this State.

Mr. Mebane, from the committee on Education, reported the bill to provide for the education of the poor children of North-Carolina, without amendment.

Mr. Wellborn presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Wilkes and Ashe, praying assistance to keep up the stage road from Wilkesborough to the Tennessee line.

*Tuesday, Dec. 9.*—On motion of Mr. Shober, the committee on Agriculture were instructed to inquire into the best means of promoting agriculture and domestic manufactures; and also if any measures can be adopted for the encouragement of the growth of wool.

*Wednesday, Dec. 10.*—Mr. Shober, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill to secure to Susannah M. Houser, of Stokes, such property as she may acquire; which was read the first time.

Mr. Love presented a bill to alter and amend the act of 1826, prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians; Mr. Gray, a bill authorising the justices of the County Courts of Randolph, Moore and Montgomery to appoint commissioners to run and establish the line between said counties;

Mr. Love presented a resolution in favor of Thomas Brown; which was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Love presented a resolution in favor of James Bryson, jr. which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill to compel the major general to review the regiments of Davidson county separately was amended on motion of Mr. Smith of Davidson and Mr. Burgin, read the second and third times and passed.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

*Thursday, Dec. 4.*—The engrossed bill to restore to credit William Ferrell, of Montgomery, was read the second time and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, the Judiciary committee were instructed to enquire into the expediency of so providing by law, that the real plaintiff in an action of ejectment may recover the mesne profits of the land in such action.

Mr. Gaston presented the memorial of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, of New Garden Yearly meeting, protesting against being compelled to bear arms.

*Friday, Dec. 5.*—The bill regulating the taking of depositions; the bill to repeal in part, the 3d section of an act passed in 1806, to revise the Militia Laws of this State, relative to the Infantry, and to repeal the 9th and 10th sections of an act passed in 1813, to amend the Militia laws; were respectively read the second and third times and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Williams presented a bill to compel the Major General to review each regiment in the County of Davidson, separately.

Mr. Graham presented a bill requiring the oaths of two disinterested witnesses for the removal of suits. Read the first time.

Mr. Newland presented a bill to legitimate Joseph Smith and Mary Bentley of Burke. Read the first time.

Mr Gary, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported unfavorably on the petition of Andrew Walker, of Mecklenburg. Concurred in.

Mr. Latham moved to instruct the same committee to inquire into the expediency of making persons who stay executions equally liable with the securities; which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Bogle, the committee of Finance were instructed to enquire into the propriety of increasing the tax on all Equestrian Performers, Stage Players, &c.

The bill to alter the name of George P. Coppedge, of Anson, was read the third time and ordered to be enrolled.

*Saturday, Dec. 6.*—The engrossed bill to restore Joshua Pinion, of Wilkes, to credit, was postponed indefinitely on its first reading.

Mr. Clayton presented a bill concerning the treasurer of public buildings, and the county trustee of Buncombe county; and Mr. Mendenhall, a bill to incorporate Chorazin Chapter No. 13, in the town of Greensborough; which passed their several readings, and were ordered to be engrossed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Fisher in the Chair, on the bill for the better organization of the Supreme Court; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill with sundry amendments. The amendments were concurred in, and the bill was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Allison presented a bill to alter the time of holding certain terms of the County Court of Iredell; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Nash, from the Judiciary committee, made a report, recommending the rejection of the bill for the relief of wives in cases where husbands neglect to provide for the support of their families: which was concurred in.

*Tuesday, Dec. 9.*—Mr. Nash presented a bill to declare the effect of a nolli prosequi upon an indictment; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Wyche presented a bill supplementary to the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors, and also further to mitigate the severity of executions.

*Wednesday, Dec. 10.*—The bill requiring the county trustees of Dividson and Rowan to pay the jurors of said counties, passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Allison, the judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act of 1820, directing the County Courts to pay fees to certain cases; and also into the expediency of making provision by law for the relief of insolvent persons confined in prison for the fine and costs of State prosecutions.

Mr. Sainclair presented the petition of sundry citizens of Wilkes county, praying for an appropriation to repair the public road leading from Holoman's ford across the Brushy mountain. Referred.

Mr. Clement presented a bill requiring the major general of the 4th division to review the regiments of Rowan county at the usual regimental muster grounds.

On motion of Mr. Stedman, the judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to merchants and retailers as to authorise merchants, paying a store license, to sell spirits by the small measure.

Mr. Boykin, from the Military committee, reported the bill to place Quakers, Moravians, Menonists and Dunkards on equal footing with the other freemen of the State, without amendment.

Mr. Boykin also made a report, requesting to be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the religious society of Friends of New Garden, Guilford county; which was agreed to.

The engrossed bill making provision for compensating jurors, so far as regards the counties of Lincoln, Moore, Rutherford and Anson, was, on motion of Mr. Newland, postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Newland presented a resolution in favor of Christopher Bottles, of Burke. Referred.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Fisher, and adopted:

Whereas there exists no history of events that transpired in this State subsequent to the year 1776; and whereas it is due to the character of the State, and to the memory of our patriotic ancestors that their sacrifices and achievements in the cause of liberty should be authentically transmitted to posterity: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That a joint select committee be appointed, with instructions to enquire into the propriety of adopting some measure to encourage the publication of such a work; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

*Congress*.....Nothing has as yet transpired in congress worthy of special notice. In the H. of R. on the 3d inst. the several points in the President's message, were referred to appropriate committees. The subject of organising the militia, which was taken up at the last session, was referred to a select committee, and instructions sent to the committee on military pensions, to revise and amend the existing laws on that subject. On Thursday the several standing committees were appointed, and a few resolutions of a public nature were laid upon the table. On Friday, Mr. Long offered a resolution, to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the duty on salt and molasses, which was rejected without debate—ayes 36, noes 102. The N. Journal is of opinion, from this vote, that the tariff will not be touched during the present session. In Senate, on Friday, Mr. Johnson of Ky. obtained leave to bring in a bill for the repair and preservation of the Cumberland Road, for erecting toll gates, &c.

In the Senate, on Monday, a special committee on French spoliations was chosen by ballot; and the senate went into the choice of the standing committees, by ballot. In the House of Representatives, Mr. Gilmer offered a resolution, for obtaining information relative to the military academy at West Point; and Mr. Allen, one on the subject of reducing the duty on tea; a message was received from the President, inclosing a statement of the various works of internal improvement, commenced or projected; Mr. Chilton submitted a resolution for the appointment of a Commissioner in each State, whose duty it should be to make inquiry, and submit annual reports, as to the internal condition of the several States, with a view to regulate the appropriations for the benefit of the States; but the resolution was promptly rejected.

The following are some of the most important committees in the House of Representatives.

*Committee on Elections.*—Messrs. Anderson, of Maine, Alston, Claiborne, Phelps, Stower, Davenport, of Ohio, and Randolph, of New Jersey.

*Committee of Ways and Means.*—Messrs. McDuffie, Sprague, Verplanck, Dwight, Brent, Gilmer, and Smyth, of Va.

*Committee of Claims.*—Messrs. McCoy, Whittlesey, Barber, of Con. Clark, of N. Y. McIntire, Ramsay and Lea.

*Committee of Commerce.*—Messrs. Cambreleng, Newton, Gorham, Barney, Harvey, Sutherland and De Graff.

*Committee on the Public Lands.*—Messrs. Isacks, Vinton, Jennings, Duncan, Shepperd, Hunt and Gurley.

*Committee on the Post Office.*—Messrs. McKean, Yancy, Marbain, Conner, McGee, Hodges and Russell.

*Committe for the District of Columbia.*—Messrs Alexander, of Va. and Washington.

*Committee on the Judiciary.*—Messrs P. P. Barbour, Buchanan, Rives, Wickliffe, Kerr, Storrs, and Bell.

*Committee on Revolutionary Claims.*—Messrs. Wolfe, Dickinson, Tucker, of N. J. Fry, Healey, Wingate and Sloane.

*Committee on Public Expenditures.*—Messrs Johnson of New York, J. S. Barbour, Gale, Maynard, Barnard, Bartley and Chambers.

*Committee on Private Land Claims.*—Messrs. Buckner, Moore of Ala. Earl, Sterigere, Bates of Missouri, Nuckolls and Blake.

*Committee Manufactures.*—Messrs. Mallary, Stevenson of Pa. Condict, Moore of Ky. Wright of N. York, Stanberry and Martin.

*Committee on Indian Affairs.*—Messrs. McLean, McKee, Carson, Daniels, Swan, Lumpkin, and Smith of Indiana.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs.*—Messrs. Everett, Taylor, Archer, Sergeant, Owen, Polk and Wilde.

*Committee on Militiary Affairs.*—Messrs. Drayton, Vance, Desha, Floyd of Ga. Hobbie, Orr and Buck.

*Committee on Naval Affairs.*—Messrs. Hoffman, Bartlett, Crowninshield, Carter, Miller, Darley, and Ripley.

*Committee on Agriculture.*—Messrs. Van Rensselaer, Roane, Wilson of Md. Barlow, Martindale, Merwin and Culpeper.

*Committee on the Territories.*—Messrs Strong, Clarke of Ky. Wright of Ohio, Green, Garrow, Armstrong and Fort.

*Committee on Military Pensions.*—Messrs Mitchell of Pen. Bates, of Mass. Lawrence, Long, Lecompte, Forward and Markell.

*Committee of Revisal and unfinished business.*—Messrs Pearce, Reid and Pierson.

*Committee of Accounts.*—Messrs. Allen, Plant, and Anderson of Pa.

*Committee on the Fifth Census.*—Messrs. Storrs, Buchanan, Holmes, Little, Daniel, Johns and Duncan.

*Committee on the Militia.*—Thompson of Geo. Findlay, Ward, McHatton, Tucker, of S. C. Taliaferro, and King.

*Georgia Legislature.*—Among other bills introduced into the present Legislature of Georgia, we notice the following.

"A Bill, to compel the Solicitors and Attorney General to give bond and security—and,

To compel the purchasers of personal property that is mortgaged to give bond to the mortgagee.

To compel justices of the peace to give bonds for the payment of money collected by them.

To change the time of the meeting of the Legislature to the 3d Monday in November.

To repeal the act establishing the Office of Civil Engineer.

To abolish penitentiary confinement.

*Supreme Court.*—The following gentlemen have obtained Licences to practise the Law, during the present term of this Court:

*In the County Courts.*—Jesse Speight, of Greene, M. Patton, of Buncomb, and Sam. F. Wilson, of Craven.

*In the Superior Courts.*—Richd. E. Fortune, of Buncombe, and William J. Anderson, of Cumberland; and John H. Wheeler, of Hertford.

*Mexico.*—Intelligence has been received at Philadelphia from Mexico, which states, that satisfactory information had been received by the government of that republic, of the intention of Spain to endeavor to re-conquer that country. Preparations were every where making to repel the threatened invasion.

Commodore Porter was still at Vera Cruz at the last dates, in command of the Mexican squadron.

*Augusta, Geor. Dec. 8*.....A few months past, it was a very general impression that the cotton crop of this year would not exceed that of the last, which fell short of the crop of 1826 by nearly 300,000 bales. It is now believed that the opinion was erroneous—that the present crop will be a full one, but little, if any, inferior to that of 1826. The quality is superior to any of the crops of late years. Great quantities have arrived within ten days, several of the warehouses averaging in their receipts 200 bales per day. The price is not altered from our last quotations, being from 8 1-2 to 9 1-2.

In consequence of the rise of grain in Europe, reported in the accounts received by the *Roman*, at New-York, all the Flour that could be bought in Baltimore on the 1st inst. at or under $7 50, was immediately taken. An offer of 27 1-2 cts. per gallon for 100 bbls. Whiskey, was refused the same day.

# Salisbury:

DECEMBER 23, 1828.

*Christmas*.....We have been requested to say, that most of the citizens of Salisbury will shut their stores and shops, and suspend their business, on Thursday next, the 25th inst. it being *CHRISTMAS DAY*. It is expected there will be Preaching in town, during the day; if so, the bell will be rung.

☞ Owing to a pressure of other matter, we are again obliged to defer the insertion of the extracts from the 7th annual report of the Iredell Bible Society.

For the same reason we have omitted, this week, the list of premiums offered by the Lincoln Agricultural Society: as also some other articles, which we had intended should have gone in this week; among which is the report on the condition of the State Bank.

### EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

The grand jury of M'Intosh county, Georgia, have *presented* Judge Davies.....'with their best wishes for his health and prosperity.'

Among the members elected to the next congress from the state of New-York, is one who bears the notorious and detested name of *Benedict Arnold*,—and unluckily he is a *General*, too;—and, furthermore, he is unfortunately an Adams man!

*Willie P. Mangum*, Esq. of Orange county, has been elected Judge of the Superior Courts, in place of Judge Ruffin, resigned. He had no opposition.

*Gov. Clinton.*—Dr. Hosack is preparing to publish a Memoir of the life of the late Gov. Clinton.

*United States Telegraph.*—The Jackson Central Committee of the District of Columbia, have bestowed a merited tribute on Gen. Green, editor of the U. S. Telegraph, for the valuable services of that paper in the cause of Jackson and Reform.

The Chambersburg (Penn.) Bank, has been robbed of a considerable sum of money. David Slider has been apprehended on suspicion of being the robber; and a reward of fifty dollars has been offered for Jno. V. Benjamin, supposed to be an accomplice.

*Yellow Fever.*—At the last dates from Gibraltar, this horrid pestilence was still raging there. On the 19th Oct. there were 1121 people afflicted with the fever; 86 had died of it.

In the account of the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, it appears that the amount received by Messrs. Gales & Seaton for printing, during the last year, was $37,622 69 cents.

The Rev. Reuben Post, of Washington, has been elected Chaplain to the House of Representatives: the vote stood, for Mr. Post 97, for Rev. Mr. Danforth 73.

*Indian War.*—The Pawnee Indians, a stout athletic race, have declared war against the whites: about 1500 warriors have gone on an excursion to intercept the traders on the Santa Fe road, and intend to fall on the frontier settlements of Arkansas and Red River with a determination to scalp every white person they may meet. These Indians inhabit the plains of Arkansas, and are divided into three bands; they are said to be destitute of true courage. They may commit some murders; but must soon be reduced by our troops.

*Georgia.*—The Electors of this State gave an unanimous vote for Andrew Jackson as President; but for Vice President, 7 voted for Judge Smith of South Carolina, and 2 for John C. Calhoun.

William B. Giles has been re-elected Governor of Virginia: Gov. Giles 157, scattering 65.

*Territory of Huron.*—A bill is before Congress, for forming a new Territory from Michigan, to be called Huron. The territory lies between the Michigan and Huron lakes.

Mr. *Adams*, it is reported, intends taking up his residence at Washington, after he goes out as President. Mrs. Adams' health is delicate; and it is supposed the climate of Washington is more congenial with her constitution, than that of Massachusetts.

A mad dog was lately killed near Camden; he bit several other dogs, and a negro child.

*Piracy.*—By the latest accounts from the West Indies, it appears that daily accounts were received at St. Thomas and St. Croix, of vessels taken and plundered by pirates. A United States vessel of war is much needed there, to protect American commerce.

*South Carolina.*—H. L. Pinkney, David Sloan, Green B. Colvin, John Mc Comb, Sanders Glover, William Johnson, David R. Evans, William Pope, Arthur P. Hayne, Wade Hampton, jr. and John Stewart, were, on the 2d inst. elected by the legislature of S. Carolina, Electors; who, on the next day, gave their votes unanimously for Andrew Jackson as President, and John C. Calhoun as Vice President of the U. States.

*Virginia Legislature.*—The people of Virginia having decided by their votes, that a Convention shall be called to alter and amend their Constitution, the legislature have taken up the subject, with the view of entering into some preparatory measures for calling the proposed Convention. Another important subject is before the legislature; which is a resolution for amending the Constitution of the United States, so as to make the President ineligible to a re-*election*, and extending his term to six years.

On the 8th inst. Gov. Iredell sent a message to the legislature, stating that one year since his election as Gov. expired on the 7th; and suggesting whether it would not be expedient for the legislature to adopt some measure to settle the question, whether the Governor's term of office expires on the termination of 12 calendar months from his qualification, or whether the session of the legislature, like the term of a court, is to be considered as but one day. The message was referred to a joint select committee, composed of Messrs. Shober, Meares, and Brown, of the senate; and Messrs. Graham, Spruill, and Vail, of the commons.

*Columbia, S. C. Dec. 5.*—Cotton 8¾ to 9¼: corn 40 to 45; wheat 75 to 100; flour 5½ to 8½; bacon 8 to 10; whiskey 37 to 45; salt, 87.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, 26th ult. Flour 5.50, Pork 2.50 to 3.

Cotton, in New-Orleans, last dates, 9½ to 10 for Louisiana and Mississippi crops.

*Flour*, in Baltimore, 8th inst. 7.50 to 7.60. In Alexandria, 9th, $7.12, to 7.16.

The total amount of cotton imported into New York from January 1, to November 30, was 148,786 bales, same period last season, 205,480 do. being a decrease of 48,783 bales.