

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Sibley presented a Bill giving to the County Court of Cherokee jurisdiction over the State Road and County.

Mr. Winston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a Bill providing for restoring to the rights of citizenship, persons convicted of infamous crimes. These Bills were read the first time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Flushing.

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the moneys of the Literary Fund, among the several Counties in this State, in proportion to their Federal population.

On motion of Mr. Graves, the committee on the Judiciary was instructed to inquire whether or not the laws on Usury in this State need amendment.

Mr. Young presented a petition from sundry citizens of the counties of Iredell, Mecklenburg and Lincoln, together with a Bill to carry their prayer into effect, entitled a Bill to lay off and establish a county by the name of Graham. Said Bill was read the first time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Young, referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Received from the Senate the engrossed Bill to purchase a Library, which was read the first time and passed.

Also, a proposition to refer to a Joint Select Committee of three, on the part of each House, a letter from the Hon. Wm. Gaston, on the subject of repairing the Statue of Washington. Concurred in.

The Bill authorizing the several County Courts to provide for compensation to the Wardens of the Poor, was read the second time and passed.

The Bill to lay off and establish a County by the name of Stanly, was read the third time and passed. Yea 62, Nays 46.

The Bill to lay off and establish a county by the name of Cleveland, was read three times and passed. Yea 55, Nays 51.

The Bill to lay off and establish a county by the name of Caldwell, was read the second time and rejected. Yea 42, Nays 67.

SENATE.

Monday, December 7.

Mr. Spruill was appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on Mr. Morehead, and inform him of his election as Governor.

A joint committee, on the part of the Senate, to inquire into the necessity of an extra session of the Legislature—Messrs. Shepard, Dockery, Orr, Clingman, and Pastore.

Mr. Reid is added to the committee on Privileges and Elections, in the place of Mr. Estes, excused.

Hugh Waddell, Senator elect for the County of Orange, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Spruill, the Judiciary Committee were instructed to inquire and report what amendments are necessary to be made to the laws relating to the Sheriff's return of the Governor's writs.

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Mr. Bayard introduced a Bill for the establishment and better regulation of common Schools. Read first time and passed.

James Graham, the member elect from the county of Orange, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of W. A. Graham, appeared, produced his credentials, was qualified and took his seat.

A Bill to incorporate the Concord Manufacturing Company; and a Bill to compel Military Officers to hold their Commissions three years, were read first time and passed.

A message was received from the Senate, agreeing to raise a Joint Select committee of five on the part of each House, to inquire into the expediency of holding an Extra Session of the Legislature, and informing that Messrs. Shepard, Orr, Dockery, Clingman, and Pastore, form their members of said committee. Whereupon, Messrs. Harbin, Gwin, Drennan, Thompson, and Seward were appointed on the part of this House.

The Speaker laid before the House, statements made by the Bank of North Carolina, and by the Bank of Cape Fear, abridging the state and condition of those Institutions. Ordered that these Extracts be sent to the Senate, be printed, and referred to the Joint Select committee on Banks.

SENATE.

Tuesday, December 8.

Mr. Morehead from the committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the Memorial from Perquimans, praying the Legislature to aid in suppressing the evil arising from the excessive use of ardent spirits, reported that the remedy to the evil is to be found in a due and rigid enforcement of the laws now in force, and in the disapprobation and censure of the virtuous portion of Society.—Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the Military Committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the existing law in relation to Volunteer Companies.

Mr. Dockery presented a Bill to amend an Act in the Revised Statutes, to provide for the collection and management of a revenue for this State; which passed it first reading.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the vote on the Report on the Memorial from Perquimans, on the excessive use of ardent spirits, was reconsidered.—

Mr. Shepard then moved that the Memorial be referred to the same committee, with instructions to report a Bill amending the law, so as to prohibit the importation of persons selling liquor without license, and to prohibit the recovery of any debts for liquor, less than five dollars. Mr. Dockery moved that they be further instructed to provide for the prohibiting, under penalty of imprisonment, non-residents from selling less than a gallon. On motion of Mr. Clingman, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The Bill to authorize the construction of the Raleigh and Western Turnpike Road was read the second time; when Mr. Dockery addressed the Senate at some length in opposition to the passage of the Bill; after which, it was laid on the table until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the Judiciary committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the existing laws as to enable a security to absolve himself from legal responsibility, if the obligee does not commence legal proceedings to collect within a certain time, after notice to that effect has been given by the security or his agent.

The proceedings of the House for this day are crowded out.]

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December 11, 1840.

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SALISBURY, N. C.

Friday, December 18, 1840.

To Correspondents.—Several communications, received too late for insertion, shall appear next week.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We had expected to lay the Message before our readers to day, but the delay in the organization of Congress till Tuesday, prevented its delivery in time to reach us until too late for this issue of paper. It is an able, dignified and perspicuous document, doing equal honor to the head and heart of Mr. Van Buren. It will be given next week.

CONGRESS.

Monday, the 7th instant, was the day appointed for the opening of the present session of Congress, but in consequence of the great severity of the weather, for a few days previous, with unusually heavy snow storms, the roads were so blocked up and frozen as, in a great measure, to stop travel on the rail roads, or greatly retard it for a day or more.

Being hindered by these causes, a sufficient number of members was not in attendance in either the Senate or the House of Representatives to form a quorum on Monday, or in the Senate even on Tuesday.

The House organized on Tuesday; a committee was appointed to wait on the President and inform him, as usual, of the organization and regularity of the two Houses to receive his Message.

Immediately after this, Mr. Adams gave notice that he would, on the next day, move to rescind the 21st rule of the House adopted in January last relating to the reception of Abolition petitions.

The rule is as follows:

"No petition, memorial, resolution, or other paper presenting the abolition of slavery in the Southern colonies, or any State or Territory, or the Slave trade between the States or Territories of the United States, in which it now exists, shall be received by the House, or entertained in any way whatever."

The House then adjourned, as there was no prorogation in the Senate.

On Wednesday, after the Journal had been read, Mr. Adams, in pursuance of his notice the day before, offered a resolution to the effect that the standing rule of the House, given above, be rescinded.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

Our extracts of the regular proceedings will show what has been doing at Raleigh. The session so far has been prolific in the organization of various schemes of Internal Improvement, some of them from the recommendation of local Whig leaders and as wild and impracticable as might be supposed.

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