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SENATE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 4, 1869.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Lindsay, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the following claims, to wit:

1st. The Claim of ex Gov. Manly for the hire of negroes to the Insane Asylum during the war, all such claims heretofore of this class have been disallowed by a majority of your Committee, they therefore recommend that it be not paid.

2nd. The claim of the Executors of ex Gov. Worth deceased. This was a claim for compensation in lieu of the use of the Governor's Mansion, occupied by the officers of the United States army during Gov. Worth's administration. The Committee respectfully submit said claim to the consideration of the Senate.

3rd. The claim of R. S. Tucker. Your Committee on Claims at the last session of the Legislature having reported favorably on this claim, and the claim having been rejected by the Senate, now beg leave to return the same to the Senate without recommendation for its action.

4th. The claim of M. A. Bledsoe, for supplies furnished the Insane Asylum during the war, has been carefully examined in connection with the decision of the Supreme Court thereon, and recommend that the sum allowed by said Court, to wit: $5,373 47 be paid. The report was concurred in.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Martindale: A bill to incorporate the North State Gas Light Company of the city of Raleigh, and moved its reference to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Love moved to amend the motion, by instructing said Committee to examine the bill and report if the charter cannot be obtained under the general incorporation act, which was adopted and the reference was made.

By Mr. Lassiter: A bill to authorize the Commissioners of Granville county to levy a special tax. Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Brogden: A bill for the relief of Nathaniel R. Jones, Sheriff of Warren county.

By Mr. Respass: A resolution proposing to take a recess from the 23rd of Dec. to the 3rd of Jan. Lies over.

By Mr. Brogden: A resolution to declare the claim of Mr. R. S. Tucker against the State, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Brogden moved a suspension of the rules in order to consider the resolution at once; subsequently he withdrew it. The resolution lies over.

By A. H. Galloway (col.) the following resolution, to-wit:

WHEREAS, At the the last annual meeting of the North Carolina Railroad Company held at Salisbury, the Legislature of North Carolina was abused and slandered by Wm. A. Smith, President of the North Carolina Railroad Company; therefore

Resolved, by the General Assembly of North Carolina, that the Governor is hereby requested to *remove* said *Smith* from his position as Director on said Railroad. Lies over.

By Mr. Blythe: A bill to regulate the meetings and fees of the County Commissioners. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Love: A bill to amend section 98 and 100, chapter 270 of the laws of 1868 '69. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Blythe: A bill to incorporate the Southern Copper Mining Company. Referred to the Committee on Corporations with instructions.

By Mr. Love: A resolution proposing to raise a joint Committee of five to audit the bills for printing, and instructing the State Auditor not to allow any claim until it has been before said Committee. Lies over.

By Mr. Respass: A bill to appropriate certain lands in the State to the use of the public schools. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Blythe the rules were suspended and the resolution to provide a pension for the old soldiers of the war of 1812 was taken up, amended and passed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Bill to incorporate the Valley Railroad Company came up, was amended and passed its third reading.

TRANSMITTED FROM THE HOUSE.

Resolution concerning the destruction of property in this State by the Federal Army during the late war. Lies over.

Bill to extend the corporate limits of the town of Rutherfordton, passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Bill to amend section 19, chapter 184 of the public laws of 68-'9. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill to repeal chapt. 240 of the public laws of 68-'9, authorizing the Commissioners of Chatham county to levy a special tax. Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Bill to incorporate the Rock Spring Camp Ground in Rutherford county. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Love the rules were suspended and the resolution providing that the General Assembly shall take a recess from the 23rd of Dec. to the 3rd of January, was taken up.

Mr. Love moved to amend by striking out the dates and insert the following, Dec. 13th to Jan. 11th.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend by striking out the 3rd of Jan. and insert 27th December, the subject was debated at some length. Mr. R's amendment was adopted, and the Resolution as amended was voted down, ayes 16, nays 17.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, Dec. 4, 1869.

House assembled at the usual hour.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Ragland.

PETITIONS.

Mr. French presented a petition from the citizens of New Hanover County. Referred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Whitley, for the Committee on Corporations, reported upon several bills which were placed on the Calendar.

Mr. French, for the Committee on Education, and Counties and Townships, reported upon various bills and resolutions which were placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Malone, for the Committee on Judiciary Committee, reported favorably upon the bill declaring valid the election of certain Justices of the Peace; placed on Calendar.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

By Mr. Ingram, a resolution instructing our Representatives in Congress to use their influence to have the Bankrupt Law amended in certain particulars. Referred.

By Mr. French, a resolution amending the rules of the House. Lies over.

By Mr. French, a bill to amend the act incorporating the Cape Fear Agricultural Society. Referred.

By Mr. Smith: A bill establishing a public Road through the counties of Alleghany and Ashe. Referred.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended, and his resolution amendatory of the rules was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Durham introduced a resolution that the Speaker of this House appoint a Committee of three members whose duty it shall be to visit New York, and investigate the sale of, and manipulation of, the Bonds of the State issued under acts of this Legislature at the regular session of 1868 '69, and report to the Committee of the Whole of this House at the earliest day practicable. Rules suspended and resolution adopted.

Mr. Seymour, for Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably with amendments, upon the bill enforcing the attendance of witnesses upon investigating Committees and fixing penalties for [illegible] (published before). The rules were suspended and the amendments reported by the Committee adopted.

Mr. Seymour said it was the opinion of the Committee that the House had no power to summon before it the coordinate branches of the Government, the Governor, members of the Supreme Court and Heads of Departments.

The question recurred upon the bill as amended.

Mr. Moore, of Chowan, said the amendments just adopted obviated his objections he had heretofore entertained.

Mr. Ingram said he was and had been all along in favor of the bill, but the Reporters of the House had not seen fit to place him on record. He did not intend to be gagged, &c., &c.

Mr. Seymour called the previous question, which call being sustained, the bill passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Pou moved to postpone the special order, the going into the Committee of the Whole to investigate alleged Railroad frauds. Agreed.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Durham, Hodgin and Moore, of Chowan, as the Committee to proceed to New York, to investigate the sale of bonds of this State.

Mr. Malone offered a resolution that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole be authorized to summon any witness that may be proposed by any member of the House to appear before the Committee at such time and place as they may deem best. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Alleghany, the rules were suspended and the bill to change the line between the counties of Surry and Alleghany, was taken up and passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Ragland, the rules were suspended, and the bill incorporating the Granville R. R. was taken up and passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Moore, of Chowan, for Finance Committee reported upon several bills, which were placed upon the Calendar.

By Mr. Smith, of Martin: A bill to suspend the work upon the Turnpike from Marion to Asheville. Referred.

CALENDAR.

The bill extending the time for Sheriffs settling with the Public Treasurer, was taken up; the question recurred upon concurring with the unfavorable report of the Committee to whom it was referred.

After a discussion of some length the report was concurred in.

The bill in favor of the Sheriff of Cumberland was taken up and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Alleghany, the rules were suspended, and the bill changing the line between the counties of Surry and Alleghany, was taken up and passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

By Mr. Robinson, a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill authorizing the Auditor to move for judgment against all delinquent Sheriffs on the 4th Monday in Dec. in the Wake County Superior Court.

On motion of Mr. Robinson the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

CALENDAR (RESUMED.)

The bill incorporating the Elizabeth City and Norfolk R. R. was taken up and passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gunter, the rules were suspended and the bill prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of the Clegg Copper Mines in Chatham County, was taken up and passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

By G. W. Price, (col.) a resolution to provide homes for the homeless. Ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Seymour, a bill to incorporate the Alliance Bucket and Axe Co. of Newbern. Referred.

By Mr. Moore, of Chowan, a resolution in favor of Maria Olliver. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Mendenhall the rules were suspended, and the bill prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquor within three miles of Silver Hill Mines, Davidson county, was taken up and passed its second reading.

Mr. Hodgin asked to be excused from serving upon the Committee to proceed to New York to investigate the sale of North Carolina bonds.

On motion, Mr. Hodgin was excused from serving upon said Committee.

Mr. Moore, of Chowan, then offered a resolution that the Committee appointed to visit the city of New York, proceed to that city after other testimony has been taken before the Committee of the Whole, if, in the opinion of the House, it is then necessary.

Mr. Malone objected to the resolution and insisted that its adoption would defeat the end to which the Committee was raised. Pledges had been given by certain parties in New York, that opportunities would be given for this investigation to be prosecuted. He did not understand this proceeding. Here, after the House had voted to raise this Committee, is a proposition mooted whose effect will kill the resolution adopted. He hoped the resolution of the gentleman from Chowan, (Mr. Moore,) would not be adopted.

Mr. Moore, disclaimed any intention to hamper the resolution raising the Committee. He was willing that the Committee should proceed to New York the moment it became necessary, the House could at any moment indicate to the Committee its wish that they should proceed upon the visit.

Mr. Malone said the mover of this resolution (Mr. Durham) was not in his seat, and he hoped Mr. Moore's resolution would not be adopted. This was nothing more than child's play—one moment the House adopts a resolution and the next, upon a [illegible] of a member undoes its [illegible].

Mr. Moore called the previous question, [illegible] was sustained, and the motion [illegible] was adopted.

The question recurred upon Mr. Moore's amendment, that in the meantime, that the [illegible] Committee of the Whole [illegible] New York while [illegible].

The yeas and nays were called and the amendment was adopted by the following ballot:

YEAS—Messrs. Ames, Ashworth, Blair, Bowman, Candler, Carson, Carey, Cawthorn, Downing, Eagles, Ellington, Graham, Gunter, Hodgin, Horney, Hudgings, Justus, of Henderson, Justice, of Rutherford, Kelly, of Moore, Leary, Mayo, McCanless, Mendenhall, Moore, of Chowan, Morrill, Peck, Rea, Renfrow, Robbins, Robinson, Seigrist, Simmonds, Snipes, Stanton, Sweat, Sykes, Vestal, Vest, Waldrop, White, Williamson, Wilson—42.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Barnes, Clayton, Davidson, Dula, Farrow, Ferebee, French, Gibson, Gilbert, Green, Hawkins, Hayes, Hilliard, High, Hinnant, Hodnett, Hoffman, Humphries, Kelly, of Davie, Long, of Chatham, Long, of Richmond, Malone, Nicholson, Painter, Pou, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Sampson—32.

The question then recurred upon the resolution as amended which was rejected by the following ballot:

AYES—Messrs. Ames, Ashworth, Blair, Bowman, Candler, Carson, Carey, Cawthorn, Downing, Ellington, Gahagan, Graham, Hendricks, Hodgin, Horney, Hudgings, Justus, of Henderson, Justice, of Rutherford, Kelly, of Moore, Mayo, McCanless, Moore, of Chowan, Morrill, Peck, Rea, Renfrow, Robbins, Reynolds, Simmonds, Stanton, Stevens, Vest, Waldrop, White, Williamson, Wilson—36.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Banner, Clayton, Eagles, Ellis, Farrow, Ferebee, French, Gibson, Gilbert, Green, Gunter, Hawkins, Hicks, Hilliard, High, Hinnant, Hodnett, Humphries, Ingram, Kelly, of Davie, Leary, Long, of Chatham, Long, of Richmond, Malone, Mendenhall, Nicholson, Painter, Pou, Shaver, Seigrist, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Snipes, Sweat, Sykes, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Sampson—42.

On motion, Mr. Moore, of Chowan was excused from serving on the Committee [illegible].

The House then adjourned.

SENATE.

MONDAY, Dec. 6, 1869.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

The President presented a communication from Mr. Barrow, declining to withdraw his resignation.

Mr. White, moved that the resignation be accepted.

Mr. Robbins made the point, that a tender of resignation by a member of the Senate necessarily vacates his seat, and it is not in order for the Senate to take any action upon it, either in the way of accepting or refusing to accept such resignation.

The President ruled that the point was not well taken.

Mr. R. appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. Love, favored the position taken by the Senator from Rowan, and read the following act to sustain his position, to-wit:

Sec. 1st. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That when a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the county in which the late member resided, provided the General Assembly shall not be in session, to notify the Governor of such vacancy, and in case the General Assembly shall be in session when such vacancy occurs, *it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the House in which the vacancy occurs, to notify the Governor of the same, who shall thereupon issue a writ of election*, &c.

Mr. Sweet said it was a matter of some importance, and should be considered well before taking action, and moved that its further consideration be postponed for the present and that it be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Scott, from the Committee on Education, reported a substitute for the bill to define the duties of the County Commissioners in Henderson county in certain cases.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Blythe: A bill to facilitate the payment of county taxes, and to save expense to the counties. Referred.

By Mr. Love: A bill to charter the Whiteside Mountain Turnpike company.—Referred.

By the same: A bill to repeal sec. 8, chap. 41, of an ordinance of 1868. Referred. (If adopted will stop the payment of $7200, per year to the Code Commission.)

By the same: A resolution requesting the Code Commissioners, to report, each for himself, what time he has served the State, in accordance with the wording of sec. 8, chap. 41, of an ordinance of 1868. Adopted.

By the same: A resolution requesting the Treasurer to report to the General Assembly what amounts, and for what months he has paid the Code Commissioners.—Adopted.

By the same: A resolution requesting the Treasurer, to inform the General Assembly what disposition has been made of the $100,000 in bonds issued to Pruyne and Heck, for the 8000 acre purchase for the penitentiary, and the $2,000,000 Chatham R. R. bonds declared unconstitutional; whether any of the coupons of said bonds have been presented or paid, and whether they can be distinguished from the coupons of other bonds, and if so how. Adopted.

By the same: A bill to incorporate Junaluska Lodge. Referred.

By Mr. Sweet: A resolution instructing the Treasurer to pay G. O. Spooner $813.80 for clerical services rendered in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works; passed its first reading.

By Mr. Lindsay: A resolution requesting the Treasurer to report to the General Assembly what amount he has paid out for extra clerical services, for what purpose said services were rendered, and the amount of time consumed by said clerks in performing these duties. Adopted.

By Mr. Cook: A resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to report the amount of expenditures made during the last fiscal year for each branch of each department of the State government, the report to be arranged in tabular form, and stating the name of each officer making the expenditure. The chief officer of each department shall furnish the Committee at once, with an estimate of the amount of money necessary to run their respective departments for the next fiscal year, and from said report the Committee shall report to the Senate the amount of money necessary to be raised, by taxation, to meet the expenses of the State government the incoming year. Lies over.

TRANSMITTED FROM THE HOUSE.

Bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Clegg Copper Mine.

Bill to charter the Granville R. R. Company.

Bill to authorize Committees of investigation to enforce the attendance of witnesses. On motion of Mr. Ethridge it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to provide for the funding of the public debt. On motion of Mr. Sweet it was recommitted.

CALENDAR.

Bill to amend section 485, chap 12, title 19, of the Code of Civil Procedure, passed its third reading.

Resolution (of Mr. Brogden) to declare a claim of R. S. Tucker, against the State, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Winstead opposed the resolution, he thought it a strange manner of disposing of the subject, the report of the Committee had been made and it was entitled to a fair consideration from the Senate, it looked like there was too much eagerness on the part of some one to get rid of it, he hoped the resolution would not be adopted.

Mr. Martindale moved to lay the whole matter on the table, which motion prevailed. Yeas 21, nays 14.

Bill to repeal chapter 265 of the laws of '68 '69, relating to the registration of deeds; passed its third reading.

Bill to repeal the 9th section of an act suspending the Code of Civil Procedure in certain cases, with a substitute from the Committee, the substitute was rejected and the bill passed its third reading. Yeas 21, nays 14.

Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay to M. A. Bledsoe $5,373 47 passed its first reading.

Resolution of A. H. Galloway, colored, requesting the Governor to remove W. A. Smith, as Director, from the N. C. R. R., came up.

On motion of A. H. Galloway, colored, its consideration was postponed until Friday next at 11 o'clock.

Resolution concerning property that was destroyed by the Federal army during the late war in [illegible], on motion of Mr. Ethridge it was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Resolution to raise a Committee on Printing, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Blythe the rules were suspended and the bill relating to the duties of the County Commissioners of Henderson county in certain cases, was taken up, a substitute from the Committee was rejected, numerous amendments were offered to the bill and it was finally rejected.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, Dec. 6th, 1869.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Vest, Hinnant and Whitley.

Messrs. Seymour and Malone were appointed upon the Committee to proceed to New York to investigate the sale of North Carolina bonds.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

By Mr. French: A joint resolution that the General Assembly adjourn on Monday Dec. 13th 1869 to meet on Monday Jan. 3rd 1870 and that members be allowed one half the regular rate of milliage, going and returning. Lies over.

By Mr. Ellington: A resolution to make uniform the introduction of bills and resolutions. Lies over.

Mr. Whitley for the Special Committee to whom was referred the bill concerning the powers and duties of state officers, reported a substitute for the bill. After some debate the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered to be printed and made the special order for Tuesday week.

By Mr. French: A bill creating a Board of Railroad Commissioners for the State. Ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Ellis: A bill to incorporate the Newton Female Academy. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Ingram, the rules were suspended and the bill for filling vacancies in Township offices in certain cases, (unfavorably reported upon by the Judiciary Committee,) was taken up and recommitted to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Farrow, the rules were suspended and the resolution in favor of the collector of taxes in, Hyde county and the Sheriff of Chatham county, (unfavorably reported upon by the Finance Committee,) was taken up.

Mr. Farrow advocated the adoption of his resolution on the ground of the distressed condition of his people. All, his people wished, was a little time and they would pay all of their taxes. The misfortunes of the last eight or ten years had so reduced them that they now required some little time to recuperate.

After some discussion the resolution was recommitted to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, the rules were suspended and Mr. Blair's resolution that the General Assembly take a recess from December 20th, 1869, to January 10, 1870, and that no member or officer shall receive either *per diem* or mileage during the time, was taken up.

Mr. French moved to amend by giving mileage.

Mr. Bowman favored the original resolution and opposed the amendment. He did not think that they should receive mileage; it was too expensive to the people.

The amendment was then rejected by the following ballot:

YEAS—Messrs. Banner, Carson, Carey, Cherry, Eagles, Farrow, Foster, French, Gilbert, Graham, Hilliard, Hudgings, Leary, Mayo, Morrill, Price, Robbins, Seymour, Simonds, Smith, of Martin, Stevens, Sweat, Wilson—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Argo, Armstrong, Ashworth, Barnett, Blair, Bowman, Candler, Cawthorn, Clayton, Davidson, Downing, Durham, Ellis, Ellington, Ferebee, Franklin, Gahagan, Gatling, Gibson, Gunter, Harris, of Franklin, Hawkins, Hendricks, Hicks, High, Hodgin, Hodnett, Horney, Humphries, Ingram, Jarvis, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Long, of Chatham, Long, of Richmond, Malone, Matheson, McCanless, McMillan, Mendenhall, Moore, of Alamance, Moore, of Chowan, Nicholson, Painter, Parker, Pou, Rea, Renfrow, Robinson, Reynolds, Shaver, Sinclair, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Snipes, Stanton, Sykes, Thompson, Vestal, Vest, Welch, White, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Sampson, Williamson—66.

The question then recurred upon the original resolution, and a lengthy discussion ensued which ended by Mr. Welch moving to lay the whole matter on the table.

The yeas and nays being called, resulted in the motion being rejected by a vote of yeas 42, nays 51.

Mr. Smith, of Martin, moved to amend by allowing the members half mileage going and returning.

Mr. Sweet moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter. Lost.

Mr. Williamson, colored, offered a substitute for the whole matter, that the Legislature take no recess but remain and attend to their business.

The amendment offered by Mr. Smith, of Martin was put to a vote and rejected by the following ballot:

YEAS—Banner, Barnes, Carson, Carey, Eagles, Ellington, Farrow, French, Gilbert, Graham, Hilliard, Hudgings, Justus, of Henderson, Leary, Mayo, Price, Robbins, Smith, of Martin, Stevens, Waldrop.—Yeas 20.

NAYS—Argo, Armstrong, Ashworth, Barnett, Blair, Bowman, Candler, Cawthorn, Clayton, Downing, Durham, Ellis, Ferebee, Foster, Franklin, Gahagan, Gibson, Green, Gunter, Harris, of Franklin, Hawkins, Hendricks, Hicks, High, Hodgin, Hodnett, Horney, Humphries, Ingram, Jarvis, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Long, of Chatham, Long, of Richmond, Malone, Matheson, McCanless, McMillan, Mendenhall, Moore, of Alamance, Moore, of Chowan, Nicholson, Painter, Parker, Pou, Rea, Renfrow, Robinson, Reynolds, Seymour, Shaver, Sinclair, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Snipes, Stanton, Sweat, Thompson, Vestal, Vest, Welch, White, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, Williams, of Sampson, Williamson, Wilson.—Nays 67.

Mr. Welch offered an amendment to the original resolution, by striking out the "20th" and insert the "24th of December, 1869" and strike out "Jan. 10th," and insert the "3rd of Jan. 1870."

The yeas and nays being called upon Mr. Welch's amendment, it was rejected by a vote of yeas 34, nays 49.

Mr. Downing moved to amend by striking out the "20th of Dec." and insert "13th of Dec. 1869."

Mr. Blair called the previous question.

The call was sustained, and the question recurred upon Mr. Downing's amendment which was put to a vote and rejected.

Mr. Welch's amendment allowing members who should remain in Raleigh, $3 per day, was put to a vote and lost.

The question recurred upon Williamson's substitute, declaring that the Legislature should take no recess but remain in session.

The vote being taken, the substitute was rejected by a vote of yeas 35, nays 56.

The original resolution was adopted by a vote of yeas 58, nays 33.

By consent Mr. Moore, of Chowan, introduced a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to consider the propriety of reporting a bill to repeal chapter 76, Public Laws of 1868 '69. Lies over.

By Mr. Candler: A resolution not allowing member leave of absence except in case of sickness. Lies over.

Mr. French moved to reconsider the vote of Saturday, adopting a resolution raising a Committee of three, to proceed to New York, for the purpose to investigate the sale and manipulations of North Carolina bonds.

Mr. Seymour favored the motion. He did not think the Committee could accomplish anything, and it would be an useless expense to the State. The Republican party were ten-fold more desirous of an investigation of these alleged frauds than the Conservative, for they (the Republicans) were responsible for these appropriations and the credit of the party, was involved in this proposed examination.

Mr. Ingram said that everything that looked like delay would be looked upon with distrust by the people. He was fast being forced to believe that something was "rotten in Denmark." He charged fraud upon no one, but things looked very much like that it did exist in some quarters.—He thought that if they stood up to this investigation, without flinching, somebody would be caught taking what did not belong to them. To use a military term, "there was a change of front being made in the face of the enemy." The "*Standard*" urged some days ago that the House should go into Committee of the whole, with the investigation, now this morning it was for reading out members of the Republican party, for standing up to what it recommended about ten days ago.

Mr. I. then proceeded to state some mismanagement that did, to his knowledge exist in the bonds issued to the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford R. R.

Mr. Jarvis said, up to this time he had said nothing concerning the alleged fraud in the sale of the bonds and the managements of the Roads. It is a fact that twelve months ago over $12,000,000 of bonds were authorized by acts of this General Assembly to build Railroads, $300 000 of these bonds went into the hands of that great and good man, Gen. J. R. Stubbs. With these $300,000 he has built more road than *other* parties have with the balance of the $12 000,000.—Is not this *prima facie* evidence that *other* parties have acted badly. These $12 000,000 bonds are in the hands of Railroad Presidents and have, by them, been carried to New York for sale.

On Saturday a proposition was passed by this House to send a Committee to New York, to see what has become of these bonds. The gentleman from New Hanover (Mr. French,) said he voted for it because he thought it would bring reproach upon the Democrats. To-day he says he has changed his opinion. It may be that to-day, he finds the reproach would be upon the Republicans instead of the Democrats, therefore he wishes the reconsideration.

Many propositions have been offered to this House, looking to an investigation.—Objections had been urged to them all—objections which in themselves had no foundation; some were afraid of insulting the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Works or the presiding officer of the House.

The time has come when the real friends of investigation should stand firmly together and let those who are opposed to it marshal themselves on the other side if they choose to take the responsibility to do so.

Mr Jarvis moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, and on this motion called the yeas and nays.

The motion to lay on the table was put to a vote and rejected by the following ballot:

YEAS—Messrs Argo, Armstrong, Banner, Barnes, Clayton, Davidson, Durham, Ellis, Ellington, Farrow, Ferebee, Gatling, Gibson, Green, Harris, of Franklin, Hawkins, Hicks, Hilliard, High, Hodnett, Humphries, Ingram, Jarvis, Kelly, of Davie, Long, of Chatham, Malone, Matheson, McMillan, Moore, of Alamance, Nicholson, Painter, Pou, Robinson, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Wayne, Thompson, Welch, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett, and Williams, of Sampson—40.

NAYS—Messrs Ames, Ashworth, Bowman, Carson, Carey, Cawthorn, Cherry, Downing, Eagles, Foster, French, Gahagan, Gilbert, Graham, Gunter, Hendricks, Hodgin, Hoffman, Horney, Hudgings, Justus, of Henderson, Kelly, of Moore, Leary, Long, of Richmond, Mayo, Mendenhall, Moore, of Chowan, Morrill, Parker, Peck, Price, Rea, Renfrow, Robbins, Reynolds, Seymour, Sinclair, Simonds, Smith, of Martin, Snipes, Stanton, Stevens, Sweat, Vestal, Vest, Waldrop, White, Williamson and Wilson—50.

The question recurred upon the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Pou opposed it.

Mr. Durham said that in ten minutes after the House had adopted this resolution, that certain Republicans, commenced working to stop the proposed Committee. He knew on Saturday night that the Republican caucus had instructed the gentleman from New Hanover (Mr. French) to make this motion, because they came to the conclusion that such investigation might result unpleasantly to their party. He (Mr. Durham) asked for the yeas and nays and dared Republicans to vote for this reconsideration.

Mr. Downing favored the reconsideration and during his remarks said that as the gentleman from Anson (Mr. Ingram) had declined to answer the question, "who was the President of the W. C. and R R R. when this alleged mismanagement of the bonds of that Road existed, he (Mr. Downing) would state that Col. Cowan was the President. He (Downing) understood that Col. Cowan had sold $1,000,000 worth of bonds in New York and not a single mile of the Road had been built but was used in paying debts not due.

Mr. Foster (Republican) moved to adjourn. Lost.

Mr. Sinclair (Republican) said though he differed from Col. Cowan in politics, yet he knew him to be a gentleman, so well and favorably known in this State, for any one to believe him guilty of fraud in anything. He (Sinclair) would not sit quietly by and hear Col. Cowan's integrity insinuated against or assailed. He thought the remarks of Messrs. Ingram and Downing uncalled for and unjust in the extreme to Col. Cowan. In regard to this matter of investigation, he was grieved to see certain Republicans cowering like whipped spaniels, before the lash of the Democratic whip. Why did not the Republican party cease this shirking and come forward boldly and fearlessly in this matter instead of vainly endeavoring to grasp at the coat tails of Democrats!

Such Republicans are afraid to go before the people. He was glad that the gentleman from Cleaveland, (Mr. Durham,) had dared the Republicans in this matter, he (Sinclair) hoped the party would now come squarely up and toe the mark.

Messrs. Ingram and Downing disclaimed any intention of either charging or insinuating that Col. Cowan had been guilty of fraud.

The question recurred, upon the motion to reconsider, when

On motion of Mr. Seymour, (Republican) the House adjourned by a vote of yeas 38 nays 36.

A VERY STRONG HINT.

We clip the following from the Greensborough *Register*, (Republican.) The remarks are pointed and truthful:

The Legislature is doing nothing. They still keep postponing the per diem question. They do not intend to reduce their pay one cent. They know that after this session no more of "spoils" will be theirs.—They know that the Republican party does not sustain them in their reckless extravagance. The people cannot be blinded and deceived by such actions, they will remember them when they shall ask them for their votes again. Remember, Republicans, those whom you have sent to do your work and who have betrayed you.

We make this prediction: If the members of the present Legislature do not reduce their per diem, and do not pass laws reducing some of the fees of County officers; and the salaries of State officers; and if they perpetuate their term of office beyond the first Thursday in August, 1870,—it is good bye to the Republican party in North Carolina.

Many of the present members of the Legislature were selected from the farm, the workshop, yea and even the pulpit, believing by such selections honest men would be chosen—men who would work for the good of the people, but alas! we find them possessed of a spirit of avarice, and using their efforts to promote their own individual interests. Their conduct at the last session caused the Republican party to lose many supporters, and unless they make amends for the past, not only their doom politically is sealed, but that of the entire Republican party in this State. They are indeed cutting their own throats.

DISCOVERIES IN ARIZONA.—Discoveries have been lately made in Arizona Territory, which show conclusively that that region was once peopled by a highly civilized race. So numerous are the traces everywhere of fortifications and cities, that no one can doubt that the country must have been at least as populous as New England. The remains of this ancient race consist of ruined cities of great size, and of huge fortifications. These are found everywhere in the territory. Some of the fortresses are in the caves which are very common in that region, and are made by walling up their mouths. On the inside of these strongholds are found many evidences of civilization, such as flooring, well constructed of timber, and finely plastered walls. Scraps of well made cloth, twine, and other articles have been found in them.

TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The effective strength of the Federal army is 38,000, though the paper force is 52,000. Gen. Sherman submits a plan for enlisting 42,000, of whom two thirds shall be in actual service, below which he thinks the reduction would be unwise.

Belknap's report says the Railway Companies, to whom the military railroad material was sold at the end of the war, on credit, amounted to $7,301,406, increased by interest to $9,000 000, about one half of which has been paid; but some railroads being in default, and showing no disposition to meet their obligations, suit has been lately ordered to be brought against them.

The reported disaster to the iron-clad, Dictator, is untrue.

Breckenridge and Sherman had a social interview yesterday.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—St. Mathews Episcopal Church, the oldest in Jersey City, was burned to-day, caused by a defective flue.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, Dec 4.—The Legislature has passed the bill reducing taxes from four to two mills, with no exemptions. The bill removing disfranchisements imposed by the 14th amendment has passed the third reading.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Rochefoote created intense excitement in the corps by a demand that the National Guard be ordered to guard the Hall for the protection of Deputies.

LONDON, Dec 4.—The Lancashire Mills have resumed full time.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Revenue to-day, over a quarter million.

Durant declines the Judgeship recently tendered him.

The President's message will be read from manuscript.

A delegation of thirty colored from the recent Virginia Republican Convention are here, and have met with great encouragement from the Republican members of Congress.

Gentlemen interested in the full restoration of the Southern States, report the feeling of Congress quite favorable. They say the South need fear no further proscriptive legislation.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—More mercantile suspensions are reported, including a dry goods house here, another in St. Louis and a large clothing house in Cincinnati.

Bank statements unfavorable, showing a loss of $1,250,000 of legal reserve.

FOREIGN.

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—The Spanish Bank will issue 6,000,000 currency as an additional loan to the Government.

HAVANA, Dec 1, *via* Key West.—Authentic information received here from Santiago de Cuba of Nov 23rd, reports the landing of a filibustering expedition from the Cuban Privateer, "Teaser," in the Bay of Mipe, and that a great quantity of military stores have reached the interior. On the 25th the Spanish attacked the insurgents, who were entrenched at Magite; the attack was commenced by shelling and ended with a bayonet charge in which the Spaniards were repulsed with great loss, many of the wounded being taken prisoners by the victorious insurgents.

MADRID, Dec. 4.—The Constitutional guarantees recently suspended have been restored.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—In the House Bulkley and Buell of Alabama and Cox, of New York, were admitted to seats. Sherrard and Dock of Alabama approached the bar, but were objected to.

In the Senate Morton introduced a bill to reconstruct Georgia.

Credentials of the Virginia Senators were presented and laid on the table.

Cameron presented a petition for the recognition of Cuba, and spoke strongly in its favor.

Drake's bill restraining the Federal Courts, was presented.

The two Houses organized.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—There is a vigorous fight pending over private claims, the contestants holding that the repudiation of these gives the cue to the repudiation of the whole debt.

FOREIGN.

[illegible], Dec. 6.—The first freighted vessel through the canal foundered in the Red Sea.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Monday, Dec. 6th, 1869:

The Court was opened at the usual hour.

James Lancashire who was indicted in two cases for illegal distilling, submitted, through his Counsel, Mr. Fuller, to a verdict of guilty. He was fined $10 and costs in each case.

United States *vs* B. H. Allen and W. K. Duke, Indictment: Manufacturing tobacco without giving bond.

District Attorney for the Government. Bragg and Weed for the Defendants. Continued upon affidavit of Defendant. The judgment against Duke and his sureties for failing to answer on Saturday last, was stricken out.

In United States *vs* Jabel Emory, the defendant's counsel moved for a new trial upon the ground of improper rejection of testimony. The motion was agreed to, and a new trial granted.

William H. McDonald was then tried for falsely representing himself to be a revenue officer of the United States. The case will be remembered by the readers of the SENTINEL, as mentioned during the Summer. McDonald represented himself to a negro, who was selling cider in the market, as the revenue officer, and collected a dollar out of him,—all the poor negro had,—for his alleged violation of the law.

District Attorney appeared for the United States. Merrimon for the defendant. The defendant was convicted. His counsel gave notice of a motion for a new trial.

United States *vs* Wilson Copeland. Indictment: Retailing without license. The defendant submitted, and the District Attorney agreed to suspend the judgment upon payment of costs.

In the afternoon the libel docket was taken up, and a number of cases disposed of by dismission, continuance, order of sale or the issuing of alias process.

A HUSBAND BOUGHT BY LAND.—When a woman has a right to buy, and does so buy, a husband, it would seem as if she had arrived very near the attainment of her full measure of rights. That she has done in the goodly city of Cleveland, and has said "I [illegible] [illegible]." By a deed of November 12, filed for record in the Recorder's office, November 24, Maggie McMahon conveys to John Stanton by warranty deed the undivided half of a certain lot of land in the old Kelly & Walworth allotment, in consideration of the payment by the said John Stanton of five dollars, and his marriage to the grantor this day immediately after this deed is made. We are not [illegible] Maggie's views on the woman's suffrage question.—*Cleveland Herald.*