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Legislature of North Carolina.

NIGHT SESSION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1870.

The House was called to order at half past 7 o'clock.

Mr. Bell presented a petition from the citizens of Nash county, asking that the River might be a law, fence, and introduced a bill to that effect. Both the bill and petition were approximately read.

By Mr. Ingram: A bill in relation to the state of limitations. Referred.

On motion of Harris, of Wake, col., the resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish members with copies of the laws was taken up and passed its several provisions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bill (Way) to secure the better protection of life and property.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, the bill was postponed until to-morrow morning at half past 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, the rules were suspended and the bill concerning the maintenance of convicts, was taken up. Mr. Sinclair explained the bill and advocated the passage of the bill.

Mr. Vest opposed it.

Mr. Ingram also opposed it.

Mr. Sinclair moved to amend by inserting the words "and by" before "and by" in the 1st section.

Mr. Foster said that the people all over the State were anxious for this question to be settled. A great many sheriffs now have the State under the execution of writs, and the least necessity for their presence and the State was saddled with the unnecessary expense.

Mr. Vest moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

After some discussion the motion to indefinitely postpone was withdrawn and a bill together with the amendments and a petition offered by Mr. Foster, were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Harris, of Wake, col., the rules were suspended and the resolution in relation to the number of acres of swamp and belonging to the State and vacant lands of every description belonging to the State and the counties in which they are situated, and their estimated value, was taken up and adopted.

On motion the House then adjourned.

SENATE.

Wednesday, 19, 1870.

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

Mr. Murphy arose to correct an error of a Reporter, which he thought might be corrected.

The petition which he presented on yesterday, came from one party only, a resident of New Hanover county, asking to be appointed to the county of Sampson, the Reporter stated that the petition came from citizens of New Hanover.

Mr. Lindsay arose to a question of privilege to correct an erroneous impression which was made, by an article which appeared in this morning's SENTINEL, under the head "Magnificent Swindle—Winding up the affairs of the Ring." He introduced the resolutions alluded to in the article, and with reference to the subject, he said that he had no objection to the subject except that he had been approached in reference to the subject by one.

The President instructed the Clerk to read a communication from Senator O. H. Hayes, stating that he was detained at home on account of the destruction of his property by fire.

The following bills were transmitted from the House and were referred to appropriate Committees, viz:

Bill to charter the Bank of Stateville.

Bill in favor of H. G. Terry former sheriff of Richmond County.

Bill to prevent the falling of trees in Big Lanes Creek, Wake county.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Haywood, to levy a special tax.

Bill to regulate the fishing in the North-Carolina Cape Fear River.

Bill to incorporate the Watauga Lodge No. 22, in the town of Boone.

Bill to incorporate Catawba Lodge No. 24, in the town of Newton.

Bill to incorporate the North Carolina Spoke and Handle Manufacturing Company.

Bill to incorporate the Ash Holden and Manufacturing Building and Loan Association.

Resolution instructing the Code Commission to draw a bill to provide for a survey and location of the State line between the State of North Carolina and Virginia.

Bill introduced.

By Mr. Galloway: To change the name of the Executive Council. Referred.

By Mr. Foraker: To authorize the Sheriff of Surry County to collect arrears of taxes. Referred.

By Mr. Jones: To incorporate the Farmers and Merchants Life Assurance Association. Referred.

By Mr. Jones: To establish a Company of Pawnbrokers in the State. Referred.

By Mr. Foraker: To incorporate the Wayne Lodge No. 112, at Goldsboro. Referred.

By Mr. Foraker: To amend chapter 279 of the laws of 1868.

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Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1 of the City of Raleigh. Referred.

By Mr. Walker: To incorporate the Greenboro Building and Loan Association. Referred.

By Mr. Foraker: The following resolutions:

Resolved, That Saml. P. Phillips, Thos. Bragg, and Rufus Barringer, appointed by the President of this Senate as a Committee under a Senate resolution providing for a Committee to investigate Railroad corporations since 1865, be required to appear before the bar of the Senate and take and subscribe to the following oath to wit: I do solemnly swear before the Almighty God that I will discharge my duty as a member of the Committee of which I have been appointed by the President of this Senate, impartially, according to the constitution and laws of the State so help me God.

Mr. Graham moved to lay the resolutions on the table, which was lost by a vote of 21 yeas to 19 nays.

The following resolutions were proposed by the following yeas:

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any one, but it was duty which he owed, not only to his constituents, but to himself that he should expose the misadministration of the bill under debate. He was sorry that the members of the dominant party in this House should introduce a bill fraught with insurrection and anarchy.

Mr. Foraker moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "insurrection and anarchy" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "extraordinary and arbitrary" to say the least of it. He called attention to the absurdity of powers which the first section of the bill conferred upon the Governor, and argued to show that its provisions were a wide and indirect assault upon the law in our Review Code in regard to the power conferred upon the Governor as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, and also violated the spirit and letter of our present State Constitution.

If this bill should be passed in its present shape, that section would allow one man to declare the whole State in rebellion and let an armed rabble loose upon the Executive, without any other thing save the will and caprice of one individual.

This section does not require that the Governor shall have the affidavits of Sheriffs and magistrates that the laws were being resisted, before he could