

CONGRESS

SENATE

Thursday, Dec. 27. On motion of Mr. Mason, it was ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, Dec. 27. Among the petitions presented to-day, we notice the following as of a general nature. By Mr. Hall—Of citizens of the town of Washington, in the State of North Carolina, for an improvement of the navigation over the Swash in Ocracock Inlet.

recommends a continuance of the force in the Mediterranean, and on the coast of Brazil and Buenos Ayres, and an increase of the force in the Pacific, which cannot be made without increasing the number of vessels in commission.

Respecting the proposed Voyage of Discovery, on which subject it will be remembered Mr. Reynolds recently lectured in this place, the Secretary states that leave has been given to such officers of the navy, and such of the seamen, as are so disposed, and are competent, to join any private expedition of the kind, which may be fitted out.

War Report.—The Report of Secretary Barbour afforded us much gratification. He renews an expression of his entire satisfaction at the moral and military condition of the Army. Its officers, he says, are "essentially exempt from the degrading vice of intemperance."

Post Office Report.—From the President's Message and other sources we had already been made acquainted with the very encouraging state of the General Post Office Department; and Mr. McLean, in his statement, amply confirms our high raised hopes.

Prefixed to the new Waverly Novel, entitled "The Chronicles of Canongate," is an avowal by Scott of the authorship, & of the motives which induced him to preserve his incognito.

General Assembly.

SENATE

Mr. Jones from the Military Committee, to whom was referred a resolution on the subject, reported that it is inexpedient to make any alteration in the Militia Laws, as to the time, which Captains shall keep men under arms.

Monday, Dec. 31st. Mr. Ward, from the select committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Adjutant General, reported a bill to erect an Arsenal on the South-west corner of the Capitol Square.

Tuesday Jan. 1. Mr. Vanhook presented a bill, to authorize the Person Library Company to sell or dispose of their books and property belonging to them.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Militia Affairs, reported a bill making it the duty of the Field Officers of the 2d Regiment of Stokes Militia, to convene their regiment within a convenient distance of the centre of the district; and Mr. Williams of Martin, a bill to secure to Jane Becknell of Ashe county, property hereafter acquired—

The bill to erect an Arsenal on the Capitol square—the bill relative to the sale of the estate of Infants—the bill concerning the Committee of Finance in Montgomery—the bill prescribing the time for the sale of land and slaves in Ashe—the bill to compel the County Court of Nash to appoint a Committee of Finance—the bill to incorporate St. John's Lodge in Lenoir—the bill to incorporate Enfield Lodge in Halifax—the bill to regulate the sale of land and slaves in Northampton, were read the 3d time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal certain acts therein named, was indefinitely postponed, 32 to 24.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Hill from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill to establish a Turnpike Road, in Burke county, which was read the first time.

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On motion of Mr. Stewart, the House resolved to receive no private bill after Tuesday.

Mr. Busbee presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the existing laws as to compel claimants to file an affidavit.

Mr. Hill presented a bill, to continue in force, the act of 1823, directing a Geological and Mineralogical survey to be made of the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Spruill, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill directing the manner of apprehending runaway slaves made a report and recommended its rejection, which was concurred in.

Mr. Wm. Bozman presented a bill to repeal an act passed in 1824, to alter the place of holding General Musters in Washington, which passed its three readings and was engrossed.

Pocket Book found.

FOUND in Raleigh, some weeks ago, a Pocket Book, containing a number of papers, which appear to belong to a Mr. Rhodes, of Wake county.