

## LEGISLATURE.

### SENATE

Saturday, Dec. 26.

Mr. Davidson presented a bill to authorize the Public Treasurer to issue Treasury Notes.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to erect out of a part of the counties of Burke and Buncombe, a separate and distinct District; and the bill being read the 3d time, Mr. Allen moved to amend it by striking out the word "District," and inserting the word "County," which was agreed to, and the consideration of the bill was postponed to Monday.

Monday, Dec. 28.

Mr. Wellborn presented a bill to prevent protracted and vexatious litigations by enlarging the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, out of Court. Read the first time. Authorizes Justices to try actions on the case, those for Trespass, Tort, &c. where the amount in controversy, does not exceed a certain sum.]

Tuesday, Dec. 29.

The Senate went into a committee of the whole, on the bill fixing the fees of the Clerks and Sheriffs and after some time spent therein, the Chairman reported the bill to the Senate with sundry amendments and recommended its passage. The bill was accordingly read the second time and passed.

Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Mr. Meares presented a bill to alter the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Commons, which passed its first reading, 44 to 11.

The engrossed bill to authorize the Governor to grant certain lands to the Baptist Congregation at Franklin, in the county of Macon, passed its third reading and was ordered to be enrolled.

Thursday, Dec. 31.

Nearly the whole sitting was occupied in the consideration of the bill fixing the fees of Clerks and Sheriffs. A vast number of amendments were made to the bill and it finally passed its 3d reading by a considerable majority and was sent to the House of Commons for concurrence.

The bill to increase the salary of the Public Treasurer, was received from the House of Commons and had its first reading.

Friday, Jan. 1.

The bill to prevent protracted and vexatious litigation, by enlarging the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace out of Court, was postponed indefinitely.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Saturday, Dec. 26.

Mr. Carson presented a bill to amend an act passed in 1827 allowing further time for the registration of Grants, proving and registering Mesne Conveyances, Powers of Attorney, Bills of Sale and Deeds of Gift and furthermore to provide for the appointment of commissioners by the Governor in any of the States of the Union and the District of Columbia, to take and receive acknowledgement or probate of any and all such deeds or other instruments of writing required to be registered by the laws of this State.

Monday, Dec. 28.

Mr. Nash submitted a Resolution, directing the Secretary of State, to purchase a sufficient number of Taylor's Revision of the laws of this State, to supply the clerks of the Superior and County Courts, the Legislative Library and other public officers with them. Read the first time.

Mr. Moon submitted a Resolution, to amend the laws imposing lay days on the fisheries of Roanoke, Albemarle and their waters so as to make them uniform in their operation. Referred.

A message was received from the Senate announcing the death of Reuben Sanders, a member of that body. The Resolution to wear crape for the space of thirty days was concurred in, and the House adjourned.

Tuesday, Dec. 25.

The bill to enable the Public Treasurer to employ the service of additional Clerks, was read the third time and passed, 65 to 55.

Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Mr. Wilson presented a Resolution, that no private bill shall be introduced after this day. Rejected.

Thursday, Dec. 31.

Mr. Long presented the petition of sundry citizens of Halifax, praying that the commissioners of said town be authorized to sell certain lands, which being read was referred to a select committee.

### EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Long from the committee appointed this morning, on the petition of sundry citizens of Halifax, reported a bill concerning the sale of certain lands in the town of Halifax which passed its first, second and third readings, and was ordered to be engrossed.

Friday Jan. 1.

The House took up the bill giving time to the Banks of Cape Fear and Newbern to close their business, and to pay and collect their debts which occupied the attention of the House until near 3 o'clock, when it passed its second reading by a vote of 90 to 37.

### EVENING SESSION.

The resolution directing the Public Treasurer to pay the Treasurer of the Roanoke Navigation company, \$5,000 when demanded, passed its third reading & was ordered to be engrossed.

## CONGRESS.

### SENATE.

December 29th.

The Senate was principally occupied in its usual course of business: the second reading, reference and passage of bills heretofore noticed, and the adoption of the several resolutions presented on Wednesday. The bills passed, were those authorizing the University of Michigan to exchange certain lots therein mentioned, with Martin Baum, and others; and for the relief of John Bronan and John Reid, the one late Register, and the other Receiver of the United States Land Office, Huntsville, Alabama. The resolution introduced by Mr. Sprague, ordering the printing of the report of the Secretary of War, in relation to the claims of the State of Massachusetts, for payment of the militia called out by that state during the late war, but refused to be placed under control of the federal Government, was one of those passed. A short but animated discussion took place on the motion of Mr. Sanders to strike out the preamble to the bill arranging Col. Daniel Bissell to the command of the second regiment of artillery; in which Messrs. Benton, Smith, M. Hayne, Holmes, Foote and Bibb took part. After spending nearly an hour in the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned.

December 30.

Several petitions, memorials, and bills were presented. The resolution offered by Mr. Foot on Tuesday, was called up for consideration, but after an animated debate, in which the object of the resolution was opposed and deprecated by Messrs. Benton, Barton, Noble, and Woodbury, and urged by Messrs. Holmes and Foot, it was, finally, on motion of Mr. Noble, postponed and made the special order of the day for Monday. Mr. Benton opposed the resolution solely on the grounds,

of its injurious effects—checking migration, to the Western Country; while Mr. Holmes and Mr. Foot disclaimed any such intention.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December, 29th.

Among numerous petitions, memorials and reports brought under consideration, one of the latter was presented from the Committee on Elections on the subject of the contested election of the Hon. Pryor Lea, a Representative, from the State of Tennessee. The petitioner against the return of that gentleman as a member of the House, prayed to be heard at the bar in support of his claim to the contested seat; which was granted. The resolution of Mr. Hunt for the distribution of the Public Lands among the various States according to the ratio of their representation in Congress, was, together with the amendment proposed to it by Mr. Martin, then considered, and discussed until the expiration of the hour allotted for such business. The bill to establish a uniform rule for the computation of the mileage of members, was taken up, and Mr. Chilton submitted an amendment, which he subsequently withdrew, that the compensation of members should be reduced from eight to six dollars per diem; and also that a similar reduction should be made in the allowance for every twenty miles travelled by them in their passage to and from the Metropolis of the Union. Messrs. Wickliffe, Pettis, Chilton, Storrs of New York; Burgess, Buchanan and Carson, severally spoke upon the subject of the bill, which was not disposed of when the House adjourned.

December 30.

The resolution for the distribution of the Public Lands, was again taken into consideration.—Mr. Polk moved to lay it upon the table; but upon a division by yeas and nays, the motion was negatived. Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. Test, severally addressed the House on the subject, and the discussion was continued until the expiration of the allotted hour. The bill for the establishment of a uniform system of mileage, was then taken up and debated until the close of the sitting. Numerous amendments to it were submitted, among which, was one by Mr. Chilton, to reduce the per diem compensation of members to six dollars, and also, for a similar reduction in the sum allowed for every twenty miles travelled by them in coming to, and returning from, the seat of Government. It was, however, rejected, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

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### SUMMARY.

COLOMBIA.—It appears by letters from Caracas bearing date Nov. 27, that considerable excitement prevailed through out Colombia in consequence of a rumour, that Bolivar is to assume the crown, as sole monarch of the nation, in January 1830. An assemblage of the people met in Caracas on the 25th Nov., a resolution was by them adopted, declaring that in order to insure the liberties of Venezuela, it had become necessary, to separate her, from the government of Bogota, and renounce the authority of Gen. Bolivar. General Paez had been called on to take the command, and deputies have been appointed to the other departments of Venezuela, calling a Congress, to form a government on a republican basis for Venezuela alone.

NEW ORLEANS.—The Ship Russell, at New-York, brings New Orleans papers to the 14th Dec. The President's Message was received there in the space of only six days from Washington! The distance, as laid down in the table of Post

Offices, is one thousand two hundred and sixty miles. The papers contain an account of the rising of certain slaves shipped from Norfolk on board the schooner Lafayette, Capt. Bissell, in which some of them were wounded, before the insurrection was suppressed. They were brought up for examination, and confessed that their object was to slay the whites and run the vessel for St. Domingo. They also stated that a similar plan had been formed by the slaves in the schooner Transport, which had not yet arrived at New Orleans.

THE HORNET.—Our fears increase for the fate of this vessel. There is a hope, but we confess a faint one, that she may yet be heard of.

The following list of officers, as far as it goes, we believe to be correct, Otho Norris, Esq. Commander.—Lieutenants, Daniel H. Mackay, Jesse Smith, Leed Thomas, John Hamilton, Esqs. Surgeon, Dr. Birchmore, Surgeon's Mate, Dr. Schermerhorne. The following names are given in a Boston paper as those of the rest of the officers; but we presume some changes had taken place since that list was made out.—Purser, Robert Pettinger, Midshipmen. G. B. A. Broke, Chas. D. Drake, Edwin Lamb, Jno. M. Maulsby, Henry A. Steele, R. R. Swift, L. Tighman, I. M. Washington, and Samuel S. Washington, Gunner, John Barnes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—"We have the gratification to state on the most unquestioned and unquestionable authority, that every word of the President's Message was written by himself, and that the most prominent suggestions are those of his own mind. The first draft of this most valuable state paper, this creed of the republican party, in his own autograph, is given to a personal friend, and treasured up by him as a document of great value."

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.—The New York Morning Herald, an Adams paper, speaks of the report of the Secretary of the Navy in the following language:

"In the course of the present week, we have laid before our readers the Reports of the Secretary of the Navy and the Fourth Auditor. That of the Secretary, and we think every candid person will concur with us in opinion, is a well digested and finished state paper, comprehensive in its views, and may vie with any document of the kind that has hitherto appeared from this Department.—While the honesty of purpose, firmness, and ability of Mr. Branch, is a guarantee that affairs will soon be put in that order which is so requisite, as is clearly, demonstrated by the report of the Fourth Auditor, we cannot but express our surprise at the manner in which things have hitherto been conducted in this Department. How much of the public money has been squandered, under the specious garb of commissions, rations, furniture, and extra allowances, the confusion of accounts will probably forever screen from public view.—We learn an other extraordinary fact from the able Report of the Fourth Auditor, that it cannot be told at this day, what a single ship of our whole Navy has cost the government.

North Carolina Bank Notes.—It will afford pleasure to our readers to learn, that the late able and correct management of the local Banks in this State, has gradually appreciated their paper, until it is now actually on a par with United States Bank Notes. The Branch of the U. S. Bank in this place has, for several days past, received them in payment for

checks on the Northern Cities at the usual rate of 1-2 per cent premium.—Fayette Obs.

PUBLIC MEETING.—We learn that a meeting was held in Mr. Hoskins' long room, on Thursday evening last, and resolutions passed, instructing our representative, (Mr. Sawyer) to use his influence to establish a new Bank on the faith of, and funds of the State. We did not attend the meeting, therefore cannot give the particulars. Edenton Gazette.

Another Judge impeached.—The Legislature of Tennessee have passed a resolution to enquire into the official conduct of Judge HASKELL.

The Senate are still engaged in the trial of Judge WILLIAMS.

### MARKETS.

New-York, Dec. 28.

The holders of Cotton ask an 1-8 a 1-4 cts. advance, and some sales have been made at a trifle above old prices; but the transactions are on a very moderate scale. Flour is still lower—common Southern is offered at \$4 7-8.—

Charleston, Dec. 28.

"A good business was done in Uplands up to Friday, although the arrivals were considerably less than last week. This activity is doubtless attributable to the late favorable accounts from Europe—but it has not affected prices, and we do not alter our quotations, viz. 8 3-4 to 9 1-2."

THE COTTON MARKET.—The Liverpool Albion of the 16th ult. says, the market was in a state of unusual activity during the last week. The sales reached the extraordinary high number of nearly 25, 000 bags, at an advance of one eighth per lb. on some qualities of American cotton.—An opinion is beginning to prevail, that the stock of cotton in the ports will, at the end of the present year, notwithstanding the heavy import, be smaller than it has been at the close of several preceding years.

## HALIFAX.

THURSDAY Jan. 7, 1830.

POLICE OFFICERS FOR 1830.  
Magistrate of Police, THOMAS OUSBY, Esq.  
Ward. Commissioners  
1 ELISHA B. SMITH,  
2 EDM. B. FREEMAN,  
3 JOHN T. CLANTON,  
4 MARK H. PETTWAY,  
5 ELISHA H. EURE.

On the night of the 23d. ult. in this county, John Hill went to the house of William S. Powell for the purpose, it appears, of chastising a negro slave, placed in the possession of P. and claimed by both parties. Some angry words having passed between them, Powell retired into his house and in a few minutes returning with his gun, discharged its contents in the body of Hill, who was engaged at the time in securing the negro—Hill died instantly, not having one moment warning of his fate. Powell made no attempt to escape and has been committed to the jail of this County to await his trial at the Superior Court in April next.

The Supreme Court of this State commenced its winter term on Wednesday the 30th ult. present chief Justice Henderson and Judge Hall. The Hon. John Toomer having resigned his temporary appointment, no business of importance will be transacted in the Court until the rise of the Legislature, at which time Judge

Ruffin can take his seat on bench.

Councillors of State.—The following gentlemen have been elected Councillors of State for the ensuing year: George W. Jeffreys, Gideon Alston, Thomas Kenan, Alexander Gray, Archibald M'Bryde, Daniel M. Forney and Joseph B. Outlaw.

Board of Internal Improvements for 1830.

CADWEL JONES of Hillsborough, JAMES MORGAN of Murfreesboro, DAVID L. SWAIN of Asheville were on Thursday last, elected members of the Board of Internal Improvements.

Messrs. Lawrence and I may have been re-elected promoters to the State without opposition.

Internal Improvement.—The sets of resolutions have been introduced into the House of Commons, the one by Mr. B. num, denying the right of Congress to carry on works of internal improvement within the limits of the State, and commending, that if it be deemed expedient that the surplus funds of the revenue of the United States, should be appropriated to such purposes, that the Federal Constitution be so amended, as to apportion the same among the States, according to the ratio of their representation, subject to the control of their respective Legislatures—the other by Mr. G. ton, declaring that Congress possesses the right to make improvements, within this State which are necessary and proper to execute the powers which have been delegated to the United States and to appropriate money to all such objects of internal improvement as may be sanctioned by the State—and further, that it is expedient that the General Government should apportion its surplus revenue among the several States according to the ratio of their representation, to be by them applied to the purposes of internal improvement.

Railroad to the Roanoke—a resolution instructing a proper committee to report a Bill incorporating a Company for constructing a rail-road to the Roanoke river has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature—a survey of the route and an estimate of the cost expected to be made during the present month.

Virginia Convention.—On the proposition of Mr. Upham providing for a prospective apportionment, the whole convention (every member being in his place) voted in the negative, except Mr. MADISON. Such an incident is without parallel in the history of legislative proceedings—a distinguished citizen an able statesman, voting alone in the affirmative on a measure, rejected otherwise, by so respectable a talented a body, including the Mover himself, is truly a singular fact.

Sunday Mails.—Great exertions have been made, for some months past, in the middle and New-England States to get up petitions and memorials to Congress, on the subject of Sunday Mails—the able report of Mr. Johnston to the Senate