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PROCEEDINGS OF THE North Carolina Legislature.

SENATE.

TENTH DAY.

FRIDAY, Dec. 1, 1871.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock.
President in the Chair.
Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Latham presented a petition from C. H. Wiley, late Superintendent of Common Schools, asking the appointment of a committee to pass upon certain claims against the State for which he is held personally responsible.

Mr. Gilmer moved to print.

Mr. Latham moved its reference to the Committee on Claims, and stated that the printing would subserve no good purpose, as the petition contained no information upon which the Senate could act without certain papers in the hands of the Attorney General. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer the Committee was requested to procure the relevant papers from the Attorney General and to consider them in connection with the petition.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of H. P. C. Wilson, of Baltimore, in regard to a compromise with the State of certain claims held by him, reported that although approving the spirit of the proposition the Committee deemed it advisable to provide for the settlement of questions relating to the public debt by general law.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, from the Finance Committee, reported a substitute for Senate bill for exchanging the stocks of the State for bonds with which such stocks have been obtained, and for other purposes; and recommended that Senate bill to "commute, compound, and adjust the State debt," be considered when the bill for exchanging the stocks of the State, is taken up. Calendar.

Mr. McClammy, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported Senate bill to "consolidate the Planters Railroad and the Wilmington and Onslow Railroad, and recommended that the bill do pass. Calendar.

Mr. Morehead, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported Senate bill to incorporate the Border Railroad Company, and recommended that it do pass. Calendar.

Mr. Murphy, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported the communication received from Commodore Maury, relative to establishing an international system of meteorological observations and crop reports, and recommended the passage of joint resolutions accompanying the report, endorsing the plan, and thanking the Commodore for his suggestions. The resolutions lie over.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, from the Finance Committee, reported a memorial asking that the tax on theatrical performances, be reduced. The Committee recommend that the tax be reduced to five dollars per night.

Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported Senate bill to amend the charter of the Chatham Railroad Company, and recommended the passage of the bill. Calendar.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, transmitting the following engrossed bill and resolution:—

A resolution of instruction to the State Treasurer. Lies over.

A bill relative to suits against Railroad Companies. Referred.

The House concurred in Senate proposition to raise a joint Committee of five on Immigration. Messrs. Crawford, Johnston, of Buncombe, and Darden, constitute House branch of said Committee.

The President appointed Messrs. Gilmer and Speed as Senate branch of the Committee.

Mr. Morehead introduced a bill authorizing the formation of Railroad Companies and to regulate the same.—Referred.

Mr. Allen introduced a bill to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill to change the time of holding the Superior Courts of New Hanover, was taken up, and passed second and third readings.

Mr. Cook moved that the vote whereby a bill to allow a mortgage deposit on personal security, in lieu of a money deposit, failed to pass third reading, be reconsidered, and moved to postpone that motion until Monday next at 12 o'clock. Carried.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill to promote the agricultural interests of the State "with substitute of Committee. (Provides that breach of Contract on the part of an agricultural laborer and abandonment of his work shall be deemed a misdemeanor and that the party employing any such laborer knowing him to have abandoned a prior contract shall also be deemed a misdemeanor and both punishable by fine and imprisonment.)

Mr. Linney said that he had noticed that this proposed legislation was distasteful to a certain political element; that strictures had already been made upon it by *The Washington Chronicle*, &c., but he nevertheless considered the passage of such a law demanded imperatively by circumstances. The success of our agricultural interests depends upon the strict compliance on the part of the employer with his contracts—as well as the employee. Both interests are reciprocal, and this bill proposes to put them both on the same footing. Some wholesome beverage should be to incite the laborer, who as matters now stand, has all the advantage to the faithful performance of his duty. The facility with which laborers, at the busiest season of the year break their contracts is a great evil for which some remedy should be applied. This bill will in a measure remedy the evil. It will put a weapon into the hands of the employer with which he can protect his interests from this great wrong. This is not novel legislation. Writers on political economy furnish evidence of statute after statute passed from time to time, for the protection of the material interests of nations. If such laws can be made for the protection of the Wool trade, if it can be made a crime to shoot fish in certain mountain streams, or to shoot fowl with a certain weapon, why cannot a law of this kind be passed to protect the greatest of our interests?

The laborer already has is relief in the "Lien Law," and this bill merely proposes to put the laborer and employer on the same footing.

Every Republican Senator he hoped would vote for the bill. At least there were good reasons why they should do so. They are admitted to be the especial guardian of the "nation's wards." And it seemed that they considered it their chief duty, as such, to exercise that guardianship only in the establishment of a political serfdom. This they did by requiring them to manifest their fidelity to them, by taking certain extra judicial oaths in midnight conclave. At the last session of this General Assembly, the Republican members in the passage of an act to prohibit secret political organizations, voted in effect, to make such conduct criminal, so may I not reasonably suppose that they did it from a belief that the inculcation of principles, of honesty, and industry into their minds, was more commendable than this political serfdom. And since this bill proposes to throw wholesome restraints around these wards, continually suggestive of the moral obligations of a contract, may I not reasonably hope they will support it.

Mr. Robbins, of Rowan. The Senator in appealing to Republicans I suppose of course expects all Democrats to vote for his bill. I hope no Democrat will do so and also that the Senator himself will, upon consideration, vote against his own measure. Such legislation in regard to the laborer is highly improper. Capital can take care of itself. The tendency of sentiment now is to emancipate labor from the tyranny of capital. I doubt the constitutionality of such legislation. Does it not have the appearance of a kind of involuntary servitude?

Mr. Linney suggested the involuntary servitude of the penitentiary.

Mr. Robbins. Yes and involuntary servitude is required there in the only way in which it can be—for crime. I trust the bill will be defeated.

Mr. Olds. The result of this bill will in my opinion drive away much needed labor or tend to produce idlers. The experience of our most experienced farmers is, that taking everything into consideration, farming is now done about as cheaply as before the war. It will be well for us to let very well alone. Idleness is a great fault among many of the colored people and I have so told them. I heartily wish some plan could be devised to remedy it. But we must remember that the negro is a free man, and can work or not as he chooses.

Mr. Linney. It is not proposed by the bill to force men to make contracts.

Mr. Olds. No matter, it proposes to make breach of contract a crime and will drive away labor. The freedmen are working now, and let them alone.

Mr. Jones. I fully concur with the Senator from Alexander, (Mr. Linney) in regard to the importance of this proposition, but suggest the re-commital of the bill to correct one inadvertent omission in the report on the part of that Senator. I fear that the bill as it stands may bring about a great deal of indictment which will cost the counties a great deal. The proper plan is to visit the punishment upon the guiltier party. The one who employs a laborer knowing him to have abandoned a prior contract. My people have suffered very greatly from the bad faith of irresponsible laborers, and we desire some relief.

Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, would vote for a reference if he thought the bill could be perfected in any way to meet the views of the Senate. These matters must be arranged by other means than statutes. The provision making it a crime to employ a man who has violated a contract, would keep him always from earning a livelihood and render him a public nuisance. I move to indefinitely postpone. I don't believe the agitation of this subject proper. It is harmful.

Mr. Epps called for the ayes and noes.

Mr. Worth favored postponement. The only law proper on this subject is that agreed to by the parties themselves. He had always claimed the right to discharge his hands when he pleased and acceded them the same right. These are matters entirely between employer and employee.

Mr. Mauney stated that his experience coincided precisely with that of Mr. Worth.

Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, favored the motion. Though the evils suggested did exist he could see no remedy in this bill.

Mr. Graham wished to have the full penalty of the law visited upon persons found guilty of enticing laborers to a breach of their contracts and for this reason and that the bill might be perfected, opposed postponement and favored reference.

Mr. Brogden said the bill would tend to drive labor from the State. Labor is sensitive and capital is able to take care of itself. The bill is wrong in principle and practice, its provisions unreasonable preposterous and unfair. And this too at a time we are passing laws inviting immigration.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was then adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Albright, Barnett, Beasley, Brogden, Cook, Cowles, Crowell, Edwards, Eppes, Gilmer, Graham, of Alamance, Latham, Long, Love, Mauney, McCotter, Murphy, Olds, Robbins, of Davidson, Robbins, of Rowan, Skinner, Speed, Waddell, Whiteside and Worth—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Battle, Brown, Graham, of Orange, Jones, Linney, McClammy and Morehead—8.

Mr. Love introduced the following bills:—

A bill to establish a toll gate between Franklin, N. C., and Clayton, Ga. Referred.

A bill relative to the Commissioners of Jackson county. Referred.

A bill concerning vacant lands in in Cherokee county. Referred.

A bill relative to county officers. Referred.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to require the registration of deeds, and the indexing of the books of the Register of Deeds. Referred.

Mr. Jones from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported House resolution asking the opinion of the Attorney Generol, concerning the power of the General Assembly to make a new appointment of Senators and Representatives, and recommended that the resolution be placed in the calendar.

House resolution proposing to raise a Committee of five to remodel the Congressional, the Judicial, and the Senatorial Districts, and to apportion anew the Representatives, was taken up.

The number of the Committee was made fourteen instead of five, and the resolution of Mr. Allen, the rules were suspended, and the resolution was ordered to be returned to the House.

A message was recieved from the House of Representatives transmitting an engrossed resolution concerning the tax lists of Harnett county.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the rules were suspended, and the resolution passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, introduced a resolution to pay certain witnesses in the Impeachment trial of W. W. Holden.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer, the resolution was postponed one week.

Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to extend the time of the Sheriff of Guilford to collect and pay over State taxes. Referred.

A message was recieved from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House concurred in Senate Amendmets to House resolution concerning moneys recieved under Revenue act of 1870.

A message was received from the House of Representatives transmitting Senate bill to require the Commission appointed to settle the affairs of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company to make reports, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Graham, of Orange, the bill was postponed until 12 o'clock on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Speed, the rules were suspended, and Senate resolution to extend the time of Mr. C. Brinkly, Sheriff of Chowan, to settle State taxes, was taken up and passed its second and third readings.

[Mr. Brinkley's family are sick. This is the reason why he can't settle in time.—REP.]

The rules were suspended, the resolution was engrossed, and sent to the House.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Norment from to-day until Monday next.

CALENDAR.

Senate bill concerning the jurisdiction of the Superior Courts, was taken up, and, after some discussion, failed to pass second reading.

Bill in regard to jurisdiction of Superior Courts. (Provides that where parties do not object to the action of a Court not having jurisdiction at the time of trial and do not appeal, they shall be concluded by the judgment of such Court.)

Mr. Edwards urged its passage, explaining its provisions. It was a bill called for by the circumstances.

Mr. Graham of Alamance, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Graham of Orange moved to amend the bill so as to except from its provisions improper venue, actions brought in wrong county.

Mr. Edwards accepted the amendment, and urged the passage of the bill, as demanded by the irregularities, at present existing in certain cases, which tended to hardship in many cases.—This bill would work no hardship, as a party cited to appear in a court, in a case over which it had no jurisdiction, merely had to plead that fact.

Mr. Gilmer did not approve the bill. With all respect, he must denominate it patchwork. It would encourage loose practice and have bad effect on the bar.

Mr. Graham said that under some conflict decisions of the Supreme Court, it was impossible for the best lawyers to be always accurate. He favored the bill, with his amendment.

After further discussion, the bill failed to pass second reading, a quorum not voting.

Mr. Barnett introduced a bill to enable John Pointer, to collect arrears of taxes. Calendar.

Messrs. Skinner and Speed were granted leave of absence for one week.

On motion of Mr. Mauney, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TENTH DAY.

FRIDAY, Dec. 1st, 1871.

House met at 10 o'clock.
Speaker Jarvis in the chair.
Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Grayson of the House
Journal of Thursday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Stewart presented a petition from commissioners of Harnett county asking that the time of settling the tax be extended for 30 days. Referred.

Mr. Henderson presented a petition from various members of the bar of the 9th Judicial District, asking an investigation of charges of incompotency against Judge Logan.

On motion of Mr. Waring, the petition was referred to a special committee of five.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Mr. Martin, a bill to be entitled an act in reference to the attendance of witnesses on Superior Courts in civil causes. Referred.

Mr. Martin a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the town of Beaufort. Referred.

Mr. Wilcox, a bill to change the line between Hilton and Piney Creek townships in Ashe county. Referred.

CALENDAR

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Commissioners of Hertford County to levy and collect a special tax of ($4,000) for the purpose of rebuilding the Court House, was taken up and passed its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of Reliance Bucket and Axe Company, of New Berne, was taken up and passed its several readings.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate bill to authorize the Petersburg R. R. Co. to erect and keep up a bridge across Roanoke river, was taken up.

Mr. Ashe moved to amend by inserting the following section:

Section —. That the said Petersburg R. R. Co., shall be allowed constructive length of five miles for the road between the bridge and Weldon and the rates for all freights to or from all the railroads terminating at Weldon, and the Roanoke Navigation Co. shall be the same per mile as may be charged on the same kind and class of freights between Weldon and Petersburg." Adopted.

The bill as amended then passed its third and final reading.

CALENDAR RESUMED.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize John J. Hastey, Sheriff of Union, to collect all arrears of taxes for the years of 1869,-'70,-'71, was taken up and passed its second reading.

House resolution in favor of Russell L. Jones, of Buncombe, directing the Treasurer to pay him $102.17 with interest thereon from the 12th day of August, 1863, was taken up.

Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, moved to re-commit the resolution to the Committee on Finance. Adopted.

House resolution to extend the time of the Sheriff of Alexander, county to collect the county taxes and settle with the county Treasurer, was taken up and passed its second reading.

Mr. Kelly, of Davie from committee on internal improvements reported favorably on bill to amend the charter of the R. & G. R. R. Co., and recommended its passage.

House resolution in favor of W. E. Piercey, Sheriff of Yancey, extending his time for the collection and payment of taxes, was taken up.

Mr. Young, of Yancey stated that Mr. Piercey was owing to the disturbed condition of the times, and the serious illness of himself, prevented from collecting the entire tax.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolution passed its several readings.

Mr. Ashe from the committe on Finance reported favorably on an act for the relief of sheriffs and tax collectors, and recommended its passage.

House bill to authorize the commissioners of Bertie county to revise the tax list on the first Monday in February, was taken up and the substitute reported by the committee was adopted, when the bill passed its several readings.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on the memorial from Harnett, and recommended the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Resolved, By the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring, that the said tax list be returned to the commissioners of Harnett county for correction, and that the tax collector of said county after paying into the Treasurer's office five sixths of the same now appearing due on said tax list, be allowed 30 days from the passage of this resolution, in which to make a final settlement with the Treasurer according to the corrected list.

Under a suspension of the rules the resolution reported by the committee on Propositions and Grievances in reference to the tax list of Harnett county was taken up and passed its several readings.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Co., was taken up and passed its several readings.

Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, stated that Mr. Welch was detained from his seat on account of his sickness.

Mr. Robinson in the Chair.

Leaves of absenee were granted to Messrs. Johnston, of Buncombe, for 1 day, to Mr. Crawford for 3 days, to Mr. Jordan for 1 day, to Mr. Smith, of Anson, for 1 day, to Mr. Paylor for 1 day, to Mr. Williamson, (col.) for three days.

House bill for the relief of certain Sheriffs and tax Collectors of the State, was taken up and passed its several readings.

A memorial from certain colored citizens of Raleigh, asking the donation of a lot on the corner of Hargett and Harrington streets, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the memorial was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, the resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Buncombe, was taken from the table.

Mr. Hargrove moved to amend by inserting "that the provisions of the resolution shall apply to all the sheriffs of the State."

Mr. Waring moved to amend the amendment, that all Sheriffs who have paid their taxes be allowed one per cent. per month from the time of payment to expiration of time of relief.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the resolution and amendments were referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, (by consent) a resolution instructing the Treasurer to postpone any proceedings against all sheriffs who have failed to settle their taxes for 1871, until the 20th of December.

Mr. York moved to lay the whole matter on the table. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Harris, of Franklin, House adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SENATE.

ELEVENTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Dec. 2, 1871.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock.
President Warren in the chair.
Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Troy is detained from his seat on account of being a witness. Leave was granted him from Friday until Monday next.

Mr. McClammy introduced a bill to confer the right of cumulative suffrage on the voters of Wilmington N. C. Referred.

Mr. Flythe introduced a bill to repeal an act to appoint Commissioners to lay off and establish a boundary line between Hertford and Northampton counties. Referred.

Mr. Gilmer presented a petition from the citizens of Kernersville, Forsythe county, asking an amendment to their town charter. Referred.

Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, introduced a bill to empower the Commissioners of Randolph and Davidson Counties to lay off and establish the dividing line between those counties. Placed on the Calendar.

Senate resolution in favor of John L. Woods, Sheriff of Pasquotank, was laid on the table, the sheriff having settled.

Senate resolution authorizing the Governor to offer a reward of $200 for the apprehension of Luke Johnson, passed second reading.

Senate resolution providing for an adjournment on the 20th day of this month was read.

Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, moved to postpone the resolution one week.

The vote was taken, a quorum not voting, Mr. Cowles called for the yeas and nays. Granted.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The yeas and nays were called, and the motion to lay on the table was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bellamy, Edwards, Eppes, Gilmer, Graham, of Alamance, Graham, of Orange, Latham, Long, McClammy, McCotter, Skinner, Speed and Worth—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Albright, Beasley, Brogden, Brown, Council, Cowles, Crowell, Jones, Linney, Love, Mauney, Morehead, Murphy, Olds, Robbins, of Davidson, Robbins, of Rowan—16.

Mr. Robbins moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution for two weeks.

The yeas and nays were called, and the motion to postpone, prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Edwards, Flythe, Gilmer, Graham, of Alamance, Graham, of head, Long, Mauney, McClammy, Morehead, Orange, Olds, Robbins, of Davidson, Robbins, of Rowan, Skinner, Speed and Worth.—Yeas, 16.

Nays—Messrs. Albright, Beasley, Bellamy, Brogden, Brown, Council, Cowles, Crowell, Eppes, Jones, Latham, Linney, Love, McCotter and Murphy.—Nays, 15.

House resolution directing the Secretary of State not to allow the Auditor's report to be published with the legislative documents, was read.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, moved to amend the resolution so as to instruct the Secretary not to publish the Auditor's report and the Constitution, with the public laws.

On motion of Mr. Love, the resolution was postponed until Monday at 12 o'clock.

Senate resolution referring to the Attorney General, the complaint that citizens of this State have been unlawfully arrested and carried out of the State, was read.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, said that the resolution may not be necessary so far as Allen Bettis is concerned, but that it is said that it is necessary for other citizens. I move to amend so as to make the resolution apply generally to all citizens arrested in like manner as Bettis was arrested. Adopted.

Mr. Brogden thonght the Senate was going further than it had any right to go. He read the enforcement act to sustain his position.

Mr. Jones said that the Chief Justice Chase would not think it ridiculous for a citizen to apply to him for a writ of *habeas corpus* to test the legality of an arrest made by the military.

Mr. Morehead moved the previous question. Carried.

The resolution passed its second reading.

The rules were suspended and that portion of the resolution authorizing the Attorney General to employ additional counsel, was striken out, and the resolution passed its third reading.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to authorize the payment by the Treasurer of the costs in cases where the State appeals or sues out a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States. Referred.

Mr. McClammy presented a memorial from the citizens of New Hanover, with reference to the line between that and Sampson county. Referred.

Senate bill to provide for the collection of arrears of taxes for the years 1870-'71, was taken up.

The substitute of the Judiciary Committee was read and adopted.

Mr. Brogden moved to amend the bill so as to include "towns and cities." Adopted.

The bill passed second reading.

Senate bill to amend the Mechanics and Laborers' Lien Law, passed second reading.

House bill to authorize the Commissioners of Perquimans county to issue bonds, passed second reading.

Senate bill to define arson was laid on the table.

Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to amend chap. 63, of the private laws of 1870-'71. Referred.

Senate bill to amend title 19, chap. 2, section 429, of the Code of Civil Procedure, passed second reading.

Senate bill providing for exchanging the stocks of the State for bonds with which such stocks were obtained and for other purposes, and all bills relative to the State debt, were postponed and made special order for 11 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Senate bill relative to joint contracts passed second reading.

Senate bill to allow the transfer of certain causes pending in the late courts of equity read second time.

The amendment offered by the Judiciary Committee was adopted, and the bill passed second reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives transmitting the following bills, which were read:

A bill to incorporate Mt. Pleasant Female Academy. Referred.

Senate bill to amend the charter of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Company.

A bill to charter the Bank of Caswell. Referred.

A bill relative to costs in cases of contested wills passed second reading.

The rules were suspended and House bill to charter the Bank of Caswell in Yanceyville, Caswell county, passed second and third readings.

Mr. Allen introduced a bill to change the time of holding the courts of the 3rd Judicial District. Referred.

The rules were suspended and the House bill to incorporate the Mount Pleasant Female Seminary, passed its second and third readings.

Senate bill to consolidate the Planters Rail Road Company and the Wilmington and Onslow Rail Road Company, passed its second reading.

Senate bill to incorporate the Border Rail Road Company, was read.

An amendment offered by Mr. Morehead allowing the Company to borrow money, was adopted, and the bill passed its second reading.

Senate bill to authorize John Pointer of Person County, to collect arrears of taxes, was laid on the table.

Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to repeal Chapter 227, of the laws of 1869-'70. Placed on the calendar.

House resolution asking the opinion of Attorney General whether the General Assembly has the power to redistrict the Senatorial Districts and make a new appointment of the House of Representatives was laid on the table.

A motion by Mr. Epps to adjourn, was lost.

The President announced the Committee on Penal Institutions.

The resolutions reported by the Committee on Agriculture, concerning the plan of Commodore M. F. Maury for a system of international meterological observations and cross reports, were adopted.

The calendar having been exhausted, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ELEVENTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Dec. 2, 1871.

The House met at 10 o'clock.
Speaker Jarvis in the chair.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Collis, of the House.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Powell, from the committee on Incorporation, reported favorably on a bill to incorporate the Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary, and recommended its passage. Calendar.

Mr. Dunham, from the Judiciary Committee, reported forably on a bill to amend the law of evidence. Calendar.

Mr. Withers, from the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably on several bills, and recommended their passage. Calendar.

Mr. Marler, from the committee on Corporations, reported favorably on several bills, and recommended their passage.—Calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. York, a resolution instructing the committee on Corporations to report a bill to strike out everything in the Constitution requiring the State to provide for the completion of the Penitentiary. Calendar.

Mr. Powell, a resolution in favor of T. A. Abrams of Raleigh. Calendar.

Mr. Houston, a resolution requesting the Secretary of State to furnish the House with a statement of the number and condition of the wooden legs now belonging to the State. Calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Gullick, a bill to be entitled an act to charter the town of Dallas. Referred.

Mr. McCauley, a bill to be entitled an act to amend Article 4 of the Constitution of the State. Referred.

Mr. Womack, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 178, laws of 1868-'69.—Referred.

Mr. Tucker, of Iredell, a bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 139, laws of 1870-'71. Referred.

Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Asheville